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Here's the winner of Thursday's caption contest. We'll be back next week with more hilariously unlabeled photos.

"And with that one mistake, Russia had its three finalists in the National Simon Says competition." —Aaron Pendleton



Dog days

Spending a day in the park with your dog can be fun, but finding fleas later is not. Veterinarians will provide pet parasite prevention tips from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Wiggly Field (2645 N. Sheffield Ave.). You also can get training advice from animal behaviorist Steve Dale.

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To dunk

You might not have the moves to play with Team USA's Olympic basketball team, but you can wear the same kicks. Nike's new Hyperdunk sneakers (\$110) hit the shelves Saturday at Niketown (699 N. Michigan Ave.).

To learn

Make sure you don't get left without TV when the analog signals turn off in February when you drop by the digital TV road show from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday at Best Buy (8900 S. Lafayette Ave.).

To reside

Learn about a new affordable housing option for artists on the South Side at an informational meeting Saturday at noon at The Grand Ballroom (6351 S. Cottage Grove Ave.). RSVP at thestrandartistslofts.com.



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BREAKING NEWS

THE DIGITS

Here's a look at Thursday's news, in numbers. [AP]

FENTANYL DEATHS

1,013

Number of people who died from taking an illegal version of the painkiller fentanyl from early April 2005 to late March 2007, according to a Thursday report from the CDC. The drug was sold as powder, often mixed with cocaine or heroin. The worst of the outbreak, which was first noted in Chicago, seems to have ended after authorities shut down a fentanyl-making plant in Mexico.

FORD'S LOSSES

\$8.67 BILLION

The amount of money Ford Motor Co. lost in the second quarter, its worst quarterly performance in its history. The loss was due largely to a sharp decline in U.S. truck and SUV sales. The company said it will retool two more North American truck and SUV plants to build small, fuel-efficient vehicles, and it announced plans to bring six new small vehicles to North America from Europe by the end of 2012.

AIDS FUNDING

\$48 BILLION

The amount of money Congress has approved to fight AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis around the world, triple the current \$15 billion act that expires in September, which has already helped millions. The House voted 303-115 to approve the bill Thursday. Democrats in the Senate, which passed the bill last week, hailed it as one of the most significant accomplishments of the Bush presidency.

'This is our moment'

In front of 200,000 people in Berlin, Obama urges joint effort against terror

Associated Press

BERLIN Before the largest crowd of his campaign, Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama on Thursday summoned Europeans and Americans together to "defeat terror and dry up the well of extremism that supports it" as surely as they conquered communism a generation ago.

"The walls between old allies on either side of the Atlantic cannot stand," Obama said, speaking not far from where the Berlin Wall once divided the city.

"The walls between the countries with the most and those with the least cannot stand. The walls between races and tribes, natives and immigrants, Christians and Muslims and Jews cannot stand," he said.

Obama said he was speaking as a citizen, not as a president, but the evening was awash in politics. His remarks inevitably invited comparison to historic speeches in the same city by Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan, and he borrowed rhetoric from his own appeals to campaign audiences in the likes of Berlin, N.H., when he addressed a crowd in one of the great cities of Europe.

"People of Berlin, people of the world, this is our moment. This is our time," he said.

Obama met earlier in the day with German Chancellor Angela Merkel for a discussion that ranged across the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, climate change, energy issues and more.

Obama drew loud applause as he strode confidently across a large podium erected at the base of the Victory Column in Tiergarten Park in the heart of Berlin.

The crowd spilled away from the Column for blocks. Police spokesman Bernhard Schodrowski said the speech drew more than 200,000 people, more than double the estimated 75,000 Obama drew in Oregon this spring.

Obama mentioned Iraq, a war he has



Sen. Barack Obama waves Thursday as he arrives at the Victory Column in Berlin to speak before the largest crowd of his campaign. [AP PHOTO]

EUROPEAN TOUR

Barack Obama's speech Thursday was the centerpiece of a fast-paced tour through Europe designed to reassure skeptical voters back home about his ability to lead the country and take a frayed cross-Atlantic alliance in a new direction after eight years of the Bush administration.

Republicans chafed at the media attention Obama's campaign-season trip has drawn. [AP]

opposed from the start, only in passing. But in discussing Afghanistan, he said, "no one welcomes war. ... But my country and yours

have a stake in seeing that NATO's first mission beyond Europe's borders is a success."

He referred repeatedly to the Berlin airlift, launched by the Allies 60 years ago when the Russians sought to isolate the Western part of the city. If they had succeeded, he said, communism would have marched across Europe.

"Where the last war had ended, another World War could have easily begun," the presidential candidate said.

Now, he said, the enemy is different but the need for an alliance is the same as the world stares down terrorism and the extremism that supports it. "This threat is real and we cannot shrink from our responsibility to combat it," he said.

TRAIL MIX

Battle of the campaigns

Obama has been capturing a lot of media attention with his tour of the Middle East and Europe. Not to be outdone, John McCain is keeping busy at home by:

>> Going to a German restaurant—in Ohio (right)—while Obama toured Berlin. McCain told reporters that he'd loved to give a speech in Germany, "but I'd much prefer to do it as president of the United States rather than as a candidate for president."

>> Appearing with Lance Armstrong at a cancer event Thursday night.

>> Meeting with the Dalai Lama on Friday in Aspen, Colo., where the Dalai Lama plans to address a symposium on Tibetan culture and its impact on global issues. McCain called the spiritual leader a "transcendent national role model." [AP]



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Path, puggles, parking— readers have their say

Walk the talk

As someone who commutes to work on my bike and understands the rules of the path, I'm surprised rules for pedestrians weren't included in Thursday's "Trailblazers" article ("Wrath on the path," July 24 cover story).

I know they have the right of way, but I can't tell you how many times I've ridden by groups of people walking five across or narrowly missed hitting a child who was not being watched by his or her parents even though I was traveling slowly.

It is much easier for pedestrians to slow down or move out of the way than it is for those of us on wheels. It's up to all of us to remain safe, and I'm sick of cyclists and skaters taking all the blame and responsibility!

—KATHLEEN JACOB, 26, LAKEVIEW

Danger zone

If you want to follow up your "Trailblazers" story, a good place to start might be the orthopedic physical therapy clinic at Northwestern Hospital.

In June 2006, I was the victim of a tourist not paying attention and walking out in front of me on the path while I was riding by. I ended up with a broken shoulder and broken hip, spent 10 weeks in a wheelchair and four months in physical therapy.

While at the physical therapy clinic, lots of injuries from the path came in; broken arms, ankles, you name it. The therapists are great, but the path will keep them busy for years to come.

—TODD SCHUBLE, 32, LOOP

Puppy mills?

Just wanted to send a note say how much [Wednesday's] article on hybrid dogs upset me ("Hybrid dog risks," July 23 cover story).

I am the proud owner of two wonderful companions, Max and Murray, who are both Puggles (and brothers). They are a little over 2 years old now, and we have not had one health problem mentioned in the article. They came with all of their shots, de-worming up to date and health guarantee, and they have been nothing but incredibly lovable energetic bundles of fun. Instead of highlighting the negative side of "designer dogs," why not focus

on puppy mills and the over-breeding of popular purebreds, which is where the real problem you speak of stems from.

—TRACI THORSTENSON, 29, LINCOLN SQUARE

Don't blame designer dogs

These comments are in regards to the cover story "The Trouble with 'Designer Dogs.'" I found the article to be incredibly shallow and misleading. I am not a breeder or animal expert; I am however an educated owner of two puggles—neither of which have any serious health problems.

I am definitely against the horrifying practices in place at puppy mills, stores and irresponsible breeders, and can appreciate the fact that the demand for so-called "designer dogs" can feed into these practices. So why not simply focus an article on specific ways to help owners avoid supporting them? Can you not educate the public with some real data and statistics on all dogs bred in these conditions?

—STEPHANIE HEBELKA, 33, LOGAN SQUARE

Nap master

Jumping into the 9-5 lifestyle post college, I depend upon my daily naps to maintain a social lifestyle in the evenings ("Nap quest," July 22 cover story). What's better than a little boost to get me through the night and then have some reserved for the early morning wake-up?

—LUKAS CRAWFORD, 23, LINCOLN PARK

Ticket wars

I read your article in the July 21, 2008, RedEye with great interest ("Ticket? Fix it," July 21 cover story). My interest stems from receiving a lot of tickets, some warranted, some not. And fighting the system, a lot.

Here's why I write: You say that it is not a defense that "I had my flashers on! And was only gone for five minutes." I would look into the definition of "parking" both in the city ordinances and the state statutes.

My bet, at least one differentiates between "stopping," "standing," "loading" and "parking." If you were in fact, not "parking" but rather standing or stopping or loading, it follows you did not violate a "no parking" ordinance.

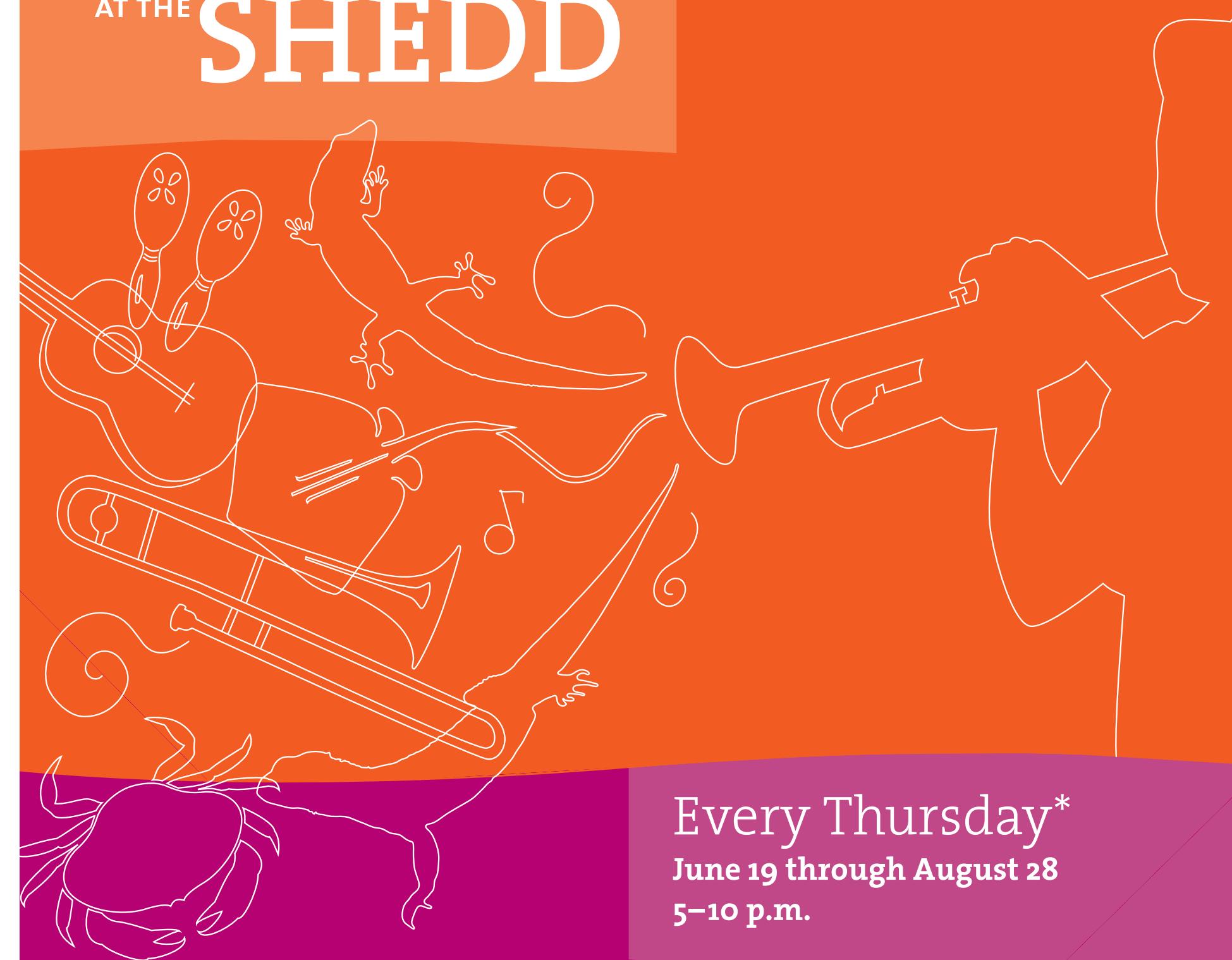
—LAWRENCE FALLI, 37, MILLENNIUM PARK

CLARIFICATION

In Thursday's story about the lakefront path, a photo was incorrectly labeled as being from North Avenue beach. The photo was taken two blocks north of Oak Street.

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LOADED?

Bartenders across the city might be pouring too much liquor in your drinks—so is it a problem or plus?

By Kyra Kyles
REDEYE

As the hip-hop infused “Wait a Minute (Just a Touch),” from Estelle played in the background, bartender Deborah Irvine made music with mixology.

Irvine, 24, grasped bottles of Ketel One and Grey Goose vodka, quickly pouring for customers at Streeterville’s airy Niu Japanese Fusion Lounge.

Not once in the 30 minutes that RedEye observed did Irvine use a jigger—an hourglass-shaped liquor measuring device that she later showed RedEye, explaining that the tool was reserved for very complicated beverages.

Instead, the bartender measured how long she should pour by counting in her head, she said, moving her forearm up and down dramatically and rhythmically as she poured her potions.

“It gets to be second nature,” Irvine explained of her pouring technique. “You know how much you’re giving customers without necessarily having to measure it.”

This method—called free pour—is common in Chicago, according to more than two dozen bartenders and managers from bars, lounges and entertainment venues across the city interviewed by RedEye. A common execution involves counting to three for a pour of approximately 1 1/2-ounces of spirits, the standard amount for a mixed cocktail, Chaise Lounge bartend-

COVER STORY

er Elizabeth Crotty said. “You get a feel for it,” said Crotty, 23, who works at the Wicker Park lounge as a bartender and a party planner. “It’s a timer in your head.”

But some other local bartenders and bar managers who talked to RedEye—including the president of the Illinois chapter of the United States Bartenders Guild—oppose the free-pouring method, questioning its consistency and accuracy.

Their arguments are bolstered by a recent study out of California that showed bar customers received, on average, more than 40 percent larger-than-standard servings of liquor in mixed cocktails.

Though there is no Illinois law regulating the amount of a pour, according to an official from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, free-pour opponents recommend using the jigger for mixed drinks because it’s accurate and can limit variability and possible over serving.

“It’s like having a scale in your hand,” said Betty’s Blue Star bar manager Scott Chasen. At Betty’s, all bartenders are required to use the jigger, which measures liquor in 1 1/2-ounce amounts. “Over-pouring hurts your inventory, and it can hurt your customer if they end up over-served.”

But some free-pour fans call measuring devices—including the jigger and an automated system that hooks up to liquor bottles to ensure that exact amounts are poured—a blow to the drinking experience that leaves patrons feeling slighted.

Streeterville’s Jeff Myers told RedEye he would rather go to a venue where the bartender measures mentally, as opposed to

using a device.

“I like them to top it off a bit,” Myers, 27, said of bar staffers, when asked by RedEye. “Give me a little splash more. I’d tip them a few more dollars to do it.”

Myers’ attitude is a common one among bar patrons, according to Drawing Room mixologist Charles Joly.

“The jigger does not do well in the Chicago market,” said Joly, who also is executive general manager for Three-Headed Productions venues including Evil Olive.

The Gold Coast-based Drawing Room uses jiggers for specialty concoctions, the 32-year-old Joly said, but in the adjoining Le Passage bar staffers free-pour. “If you use jiggers with regular drinks, customers often feel you are being cheap or that you are monitoring what they’re drinking.”

Not true, said Bridget Albert, president of the Illinois chapter of the United States Bartenders Guild.

Albert said the jigger is key to a new trend of high-end, fresh ingredient-heavy cocktails.

“It is expected that a professional bartender would use one,” Albert said. “It is the only way to keep your cocktails consistent.”

Measuring also keeps bars from going broke, Betty’s Blue Star’s Chasen said.

“Bartenders who use free pouring are over pouring,” Chasen said. “It doesn’t make sense. If you order a half-pound burger, that’s what you should get. If you buy a pair of jeans at The Gap, you don’t get one pair free unless there is a sale. Why should it be any different with alcohol?”

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ELIZABETH CROTTY BARTENDS AT CHAISE LOUNGE

[STEPHANIE JANISCH PHOTO FOR REDEYE]





Super-sizing your drinks

Variation in the drinks you order may not be limited to the amount of liquor in your mixed drinks.

According to the California-based Alcohol Research Group, venues also pour generous portions of beer and wine.

The group came to this conclusion following a study on serving sizes conducted at Northern California venues between March and May 2007.

The findings are set for publication in the print version of the journal of Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research in September. The study found that mixed drinks contained 40 percent more liquor than standard serving of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces. It also showed that wine and beer servings were, on average, more than 20 percent larger than the standard sizes recommended by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Specifically, the average glass

40%

The study^{*} found mixed drinks contain 40 percent more liquor than the standard $1\frac{1}{2}$ ounces.

20%

The study found wine and beer servings were 20 percent larger than recommended sizes.

*ACCORDING TO THE ALCOHOL RESEARCH GROUP

of wine exceeded the standard amount of approximately 5 ounces by 43 percent, according to Bill Kerr, Alcohol Research Group senior scientist and lead author of the study. The average draft beer was 22 percent larger than the 12-ounce standard serving, Kerr said.

Though California law does not

restrict alcoholic beverage sizes, Kerr said he hoped the findings would influence bartenders to be more prudent with their pours.

"We were surprised by the findings," Kerr told RedEye during a phone interview from the group's Emeryville, Calif.-based office. Kerr said researchers went out in teams of three and four to test 80 venues. "We know that consumers generally want larger pours, but we didn't know that bars were providing that, and to this degree."

And though the research was conducted in a limited geographical area, the results have wider implications in society, Kerr said.

"It shows that people might not be aware of what they are really ordering," Kerr said. "We hope this will encourage places to say what the pour size is, particularly with beer. That's how consumers could be able to make an informed decision." [K.K.]

Un-happy hour

It would be silly for the state to regulate the size of beverages—including beer, wines and shots—served at local bars and lounges, Landmark Grill manager Corey Polkow told RedEye. Even sillier, Polkow said, would be an effort to legally enforce how much liquor goes into mixed drinks.

"If they did that, they'd have to ban the Long Island iced tea," Polkow, 31, said. "That thing's got vodka, gin, rum and tequila ... how would they count it?"

Good news for Polkow and others, including bartenders, who talked to RedEye about preserving pouring freedom behind the bar.

There is no Illinois law regulating the amounts of liquor served at bars, clubs and restaurants, an Illinois Liquor

Control Commission official told RedEye. Local and state authorities typically only get involved if a bar patron complains about consistent over-serving or if alcohol-related incidents occur at a particular venue, the commission's chief legal counsel Rick Haymaker said.

But alcohol-related promotions are on the commission's radar screen. The

organization forbids venues from discounting alcoholic beverages during specific hours of the day or from offering drinks for free.

"Any price that is charged for a beverage has to be consistent the entire day from open until close," Haymaker said, adding that fines for advertising and holding such events can cost violators \$300 per violation. Newspaper ads, flyers and signs are often the clues investigators use, Haymaker said.

"We don't want patrons overdoing it thinking, 'I have to get in all this drinking within this time window.'"

It's part of the Happy Hour Law that went into effect in 1989, Haymaker said, adding that the law also prohibits two-for-one alcoholic beverage deals or free drinks for ladies or other targeted customers.

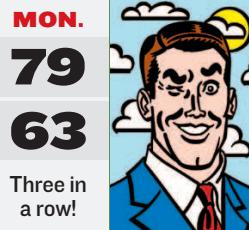
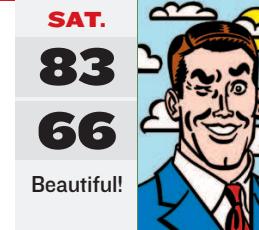
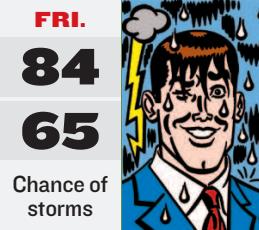
"Those encourage overdoing it, and we can't have any of that," Haymaker said. [K.K.]



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O'Hare still 2nd busiest

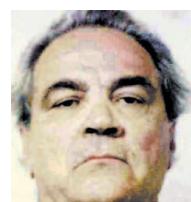
Both O'Hare and Midway showed sharp drops in the number of flights during the first six months of 2008, the Federal Aviation Administration said Thursday. Record fuel prices have forced airlines to cut back on service, particularly many regional flights like those operating out of Midway, airline analysts have reported. As it has for more than three years, O'Hare remained the nation's second-busiest airport, behind Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson, according to the data.

Foiled

An operator of a Cicero gas station called police Tuesday after finding that two men had climbed the roof of the business to cover up a credit card transmission antenna with foil, apparently to block the signal, a police report said. Police have not made any arrests or identified the offenders.

Mobster dies

Frank "the German" Schweihs, a reputed Chicago Outfit enforcer once described as one of the most feared men in the city, died Wednesday in a North Side hospital after being transferred from jail, where he was awaiting trial. Schweihs, 78, was cancer-stricken and too ill to face charges in last year's landmark Family Secrets case.



SCHWEIHS

Cops sued

A paralyzed man sued the city of Chicago and seven policemen Thursday, claiming they dragged him from a car and beat him unconscious when he was too slow to obey an order to get out. Daniel Casares charged that the seven officers engaged in excessive use of force and battery.



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MORE VIOLENCE ON WEST SIDE

Michael Guyton was one of three people fatally shot in South Austin overnight Wednesday. There were no indications that any of the shootings were related.

About an hour after Guyton was shot and less than a mile north, gunfire broke out in the 800 block of North Lorel Avenue, leaving three men in a vehicle wounded.

One of the men, Gregory Jones, 23, was taken to Stroger Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Officer John Henry, a police spokesman, said the other two men, both 19, were hit in their backs and were being treated at hospitals Thursday.

"No one is in custody, and the circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation," Henry said.

A short time later and several blocks to the east of the Lorel shooting, a Bellwood man was found slain in a car in the 700 block of North Central Avenue, authorities said. Authorities were not releasing the 23-year-old's name while police try to notify family members of his death. [TRIBUNE]

CTA worker injured

A CTA worker was seriously injured Thursday when she apparently touched the electrified third rail while working near the Belmont station on Chicago's North Side, authorities said. The woman was flagging Red and Brown Line trains moving through a construction area about 11 a.m. when the accident occurred, said CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall. The woman was taken in serious to critical condition to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Fire Department officials said. [TRIBUNE]

'This was about a car'



Staria Campbell talks Thursday outside her apartment about her husband Michael Guyton's murder Wednesday night.

[CHUCK BERMAN/TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO]

Man killed after discussing loan in South Austin, wife says

Chicago Tribune

Their love affair had gone on since elementary school. They had children together and eventually got married.

Michael Guyton had visited the area of Cicero Avenue and Hubbard Street in Chicago on Wednesday night with his wife, Staria Campbell, to meet a close friend of hers for whom she had co-signed a car loan.

While in South Austin on the West Side, Guyton, 27, who had four children with his wife of three years, was fatally shot. Police responded to the shooting, which occurred about 11 p.m. in the 4900 block of West Hubbard, and found Guyton with multiple gunshot wounds.

"This doesn't make any sense. This was about a car that I put in my name. And now Michael is dead," Campbell, 27, said Thursday.

Campbell said her husband went with her to meet the person with whom she had co-signed for loan payments on a 1999 Lincoln Town Car. She said the person defaulted on the loan agreement, and the company that authorized the loan threatened to garnish Campbell's check.

She said she and her husband went to talk about the situation with Campbell's friend, who didn't have money to give them.

Guyton and Campbell also learned that the car had been shot up. At that point, Campbell said, Guyton told her to go to his grandmother's house, located nearby.

When Campbell returned to the scene to meet her husband about 15 to 20 minutes later, she found him shot and lying on the ground. He was pronounced dead at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday in Stroger Hospital, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Campbell said the two met when they were students at Nash Elementary School on the West Side and had been together since. Their four children range in age from 2 to 10, she said.

Her husband was out of work; she worked at an auto parts store, Campbell said. The couple's West Side neighbors described Guyton as a good father, saying he would always be on the porch barbecuing with his children and watching them play outside.

Campbell said Guyton "was a loving man and a good father."

"Life is going to be harder now," she said. "I have to explain to my kids what happened. How do you do that?"

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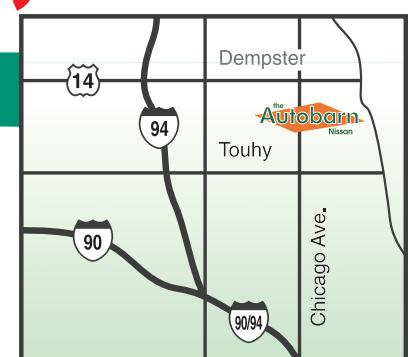
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Last week, you broke into my apartment by apparently sliding in through my kitchen window while I was at work. I know, I should have known better than to keep the window open. It is summer, after all, when burglaries tend to go up because of open windows, window air conditioning units and unlocked porch doors. Ironically, I wrote a RedEye story about break-ins a year ago, and warned even people living on higher floors to be careful, as any window within 15 feet of a surface is vulnerable. I guess you never think it'll happen to you. Well ... it will!

Anyhoo, I'm writing to ask that if you must steal a person's property, at least be considerate. Would it have killed you to remove the memory card from my digital camera before you took it? Couldn't you have taken the disc out of the DVD player you stole? And when you decided to take my laundry basket, no doubt to carry all the loot, couldn't you have at least dumped out my dirty clothes?

You burglars are quite the menace, with some 24,700 burglaries in Chicago last year. The 5,127 burglaries during the first three months of this year is a 4 percent increase from the same time last year, according to the most recent Chicago police statistics. July, cops say, tends to be the busiest month.

My top three lessons learned: Close and lock all your windows when you're not home. Back up your laptop's hard drive. Get renter's insurance.

Too little, too late for me, but hopefully not for others.

Thanks for not breaking anything,
[ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ, REDEYE]

AND IN THE CAR ...

Some suburban police departments are reporting an increase in car burglaries. Here are some tips that could prevent you from becoming a victim.

- » Lock your car.
- » Keep car windows closed.
- » Keep all items, not just valuables, out of sight or in the trunk.
- » Do not leave even the dock for a GPS system or satellite radio in view.
- » Buy a car alarm or fake alarm light.
- » Keep your garage door closed.
- » Form a neighborhood watch group.
- » Bring in your mail and newspapers every day, mow your yard in the summer, shovel your walks in the winter, and keep a light on in your home so car burglars don't think you're away.

Scientology protest slated for Saturday



Eric Szulczewski of Anonymous, an Internet-based anti-Church of Scientology group, protests earlier this month at Millennium Park. The Church of Scientology has called Anonymous a cyber-terrorist organization. [MILBERT O. BROWN/TRIBUNE PHOTO]

With their dark suits, leering masks and signs warning of what they call the "cult" of Scientology, the protest group Anonymous may startle a few visitors to Millennium Park on Saturday.

But that's what the participants are hoping for.

"Outfits and the outrageous help get people's attention," said Eric Szulczewski of Clarendon Hills, one of a few members of Anonymous willing to give his name.

An Internet-based group that claims more than 10,000 members worldwide, Anonymous has assembled in the downtown park four times to criticize the Church of Scientology. The church has called it a cyber-terrorist organization, and members have been known to show up and monitor the protests.

Once they have peoples' attention, Szulczewski

said, Anonymous delivers its message: that Scientology exploits its followers and encourages harm to outsiders. Scientologists counter that Anonymous is ignorant about their religion and has committed serious crimes against their church and others.

On Saturday in Millennium Park, Anonymous is planning its first Midwestern regional protest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Controversy has long surrounded Scientology. Since the church was founded in 1954, it has come under scrutiny by several national governments as well as the media.

Scientology, which now claims over 10 million followers, teaches that man can improve his life through the study of himself and his fellows, as well as by undergoing counseling sessions known as "auditing," said church spokesman Tommy Davis.



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Civil rights groups want consent searches banned

Civil rights groups on Thursday asked Gov. Blagojevich to bar state police from conducting consent searches during traffic stops, citing four years of data that show minorities are searched more often than whites.

In 2007, minorities underwent consent searches—when police ask drivers for permission to look in their vehicles—at a rate 2 1/2 times that of white drivers, according to an analysis of data reported by police agencies throughout the state. Contraband, such as drugs or guns, was discovered almost twice as often among white drivers as among minorities.

"You're talking about hundreds and hundreds of black and Latino drivers

being subjected to consent searches," said Harvey Grossman, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, part of an eight-member coalition of civil rights groups asking for a halt to such searches. "We're hopeful the governor will get rid of them."

Blagojevich's office and the Illinois State Police said Thursday they haven't seen the coalition's request and didn't have an immediate response.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has collected the data from police agencies since Jan. 1, 2004, under a state law aimed at identifying racial bias in traffic stops. The state also created a Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight

CONSENT STATS

Consent searches made up less than 1 percent of all traffic stops in 2007, according to the analysis, completed by Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. The study analyzed 2.4 million traffic stops reported by 939 police agencies statewide. Minority drivers were 10 percent more likely to be stopped on Illinois roads than white drivers, according to the 2007 data, but that figure is at its lowest level since 2004.

Board, which is due to issue a recommendation on the data by Jan. 1, 2010.



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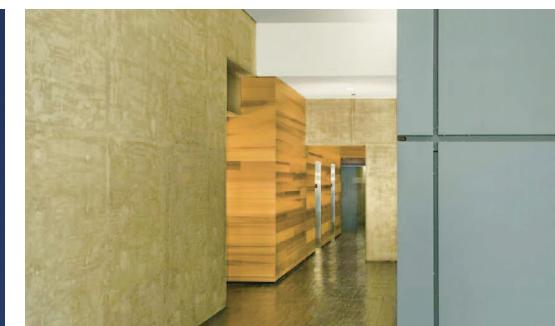
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SHARE A RIDE

Car-sharing companies headed near CTA sites

CHICAGO ON THE MAP



I-GO LOCATIONS



ZIPCAR LOCATIONS

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Gas prices are rising, but that doesn't mean you have to stop driving.

Car-sharing services I-GO and Zipcar are reporting a rise in the number of Chicago users. Chicago-based I-GO has been adding about 500 new members monthly, CEO Sharon Feigon said. Massachusetts-based Zipcar, meanwhile, has nearly doubled its fleet in Chicago to keep pace with demand, said Zipcar account executive Alysa McKenna.

I-GO and Zipcar will soon expand their services near public transportation. The CTA board voted last week to lease 45 parking spaces to I-GO and Zipcar starting in September. Users of these car-sharing companies will be able to pick up a car at 20 CTA sites by June 2009. These spaces currently are designated for the CTA's Under "L" Parking program or daily and hourly parking at the CTA Park & Ride lots, said CTA spokeswoman Catherine Hosinski.

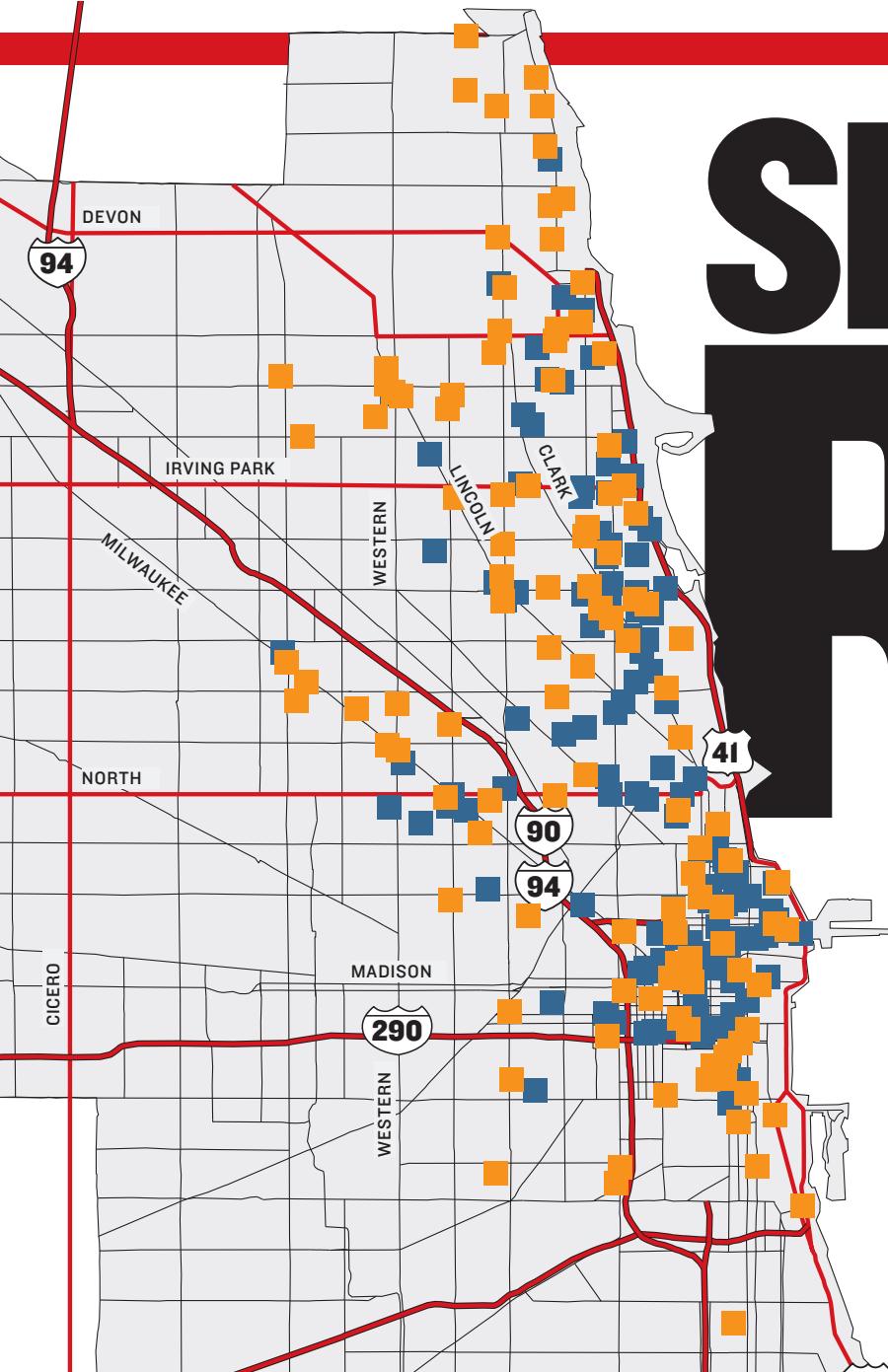
The CTA is expected to earn \$88,000 from this two-year lease agreement. In 2004, the CTA approved a pilot program to allow I-GO to park cars at five CTA sites.

"Our members use the CTA a lot," Feigon said. "Car-sharing goes hand in hand with transit, biking and walking."

Feigon said I-GO hopes to expand in all Chicago neighborhoods and set up locations in nearby suburbs. McKenna said Zipcar is specifically looking at expanding in the Edgewater and Rogers Park areas.

The map shows the current 124 I-GO and 131 Zipcar locations.

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Zipcar and I-GO are expanding their services near public transportation. [CHARLES OSGOOD/TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO]



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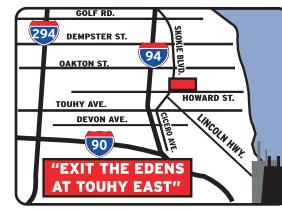
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1 Crane death

Church members watching the steeple being raised on their new building looked on in horror Thursday as a crane holding the structure toppled, crushing a car and killing an 80-year-old man who had been watching from **inside the vehicle**, firefighters in Oklahoma City said.



[AP PHOTO]

2 Satellite merger

Approval of a merger of the nation's only two satellite radio companies was **imminent** Thursday after the pair agreed to pay \$19.7 million to settle charges they violated federal rules.

3 Dolly aftermath

Residents of Harlingen, Texas, and the region slogged through knee-deep muddy waters, tiptoed around downed power lines and dug through debris Thursday, but were **thankful** that Hurricane Dolly didn't pack the wallop they had feared.

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Hasbro, the company that owns Scrabble's North American rights, sued the creators of the **Scrabulous** program Thursday, less than two weeks after the release of an authorized version of Scrabble for Facebook.

4 Boy bites back

An 11-year old boy from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, is in the media spotlight after **sinking his teeth** into the neck of a dog that attacked him. The boy tells the O Globo newspaper: "It is better to lose a tooth than one's life."

5 Iran stalemate

Iran signaled Thursday that it will **no longer cooperate** with UN experts probing for signs of clandestine nuclear weapons work, confirming the investigation is at a dead end a year after it began.

6 Climbing death

A Dutch man, his son and two daughters fell to their deaths Thursday while climbing near Mont Blanc, Europe's highest peak, Italian rescuers said. The climbers, connected by rope, plunged 1,600 feet down a slope of rock, ice and snow while the children's mother **watched from below**.

Campaign support from the grave?

Should the votes of dead people be counted?

If you vote by mail, but die before Election Day, does your vote count? It depends on where you lived.

Increasingly popular mail-in ballots mean voters can now choose candidates up to 60 days before an election, raising new questions about an age-old phenomenon normally associated with chicanery in places like Chicago: What should be done with the ballots of the recently dead?

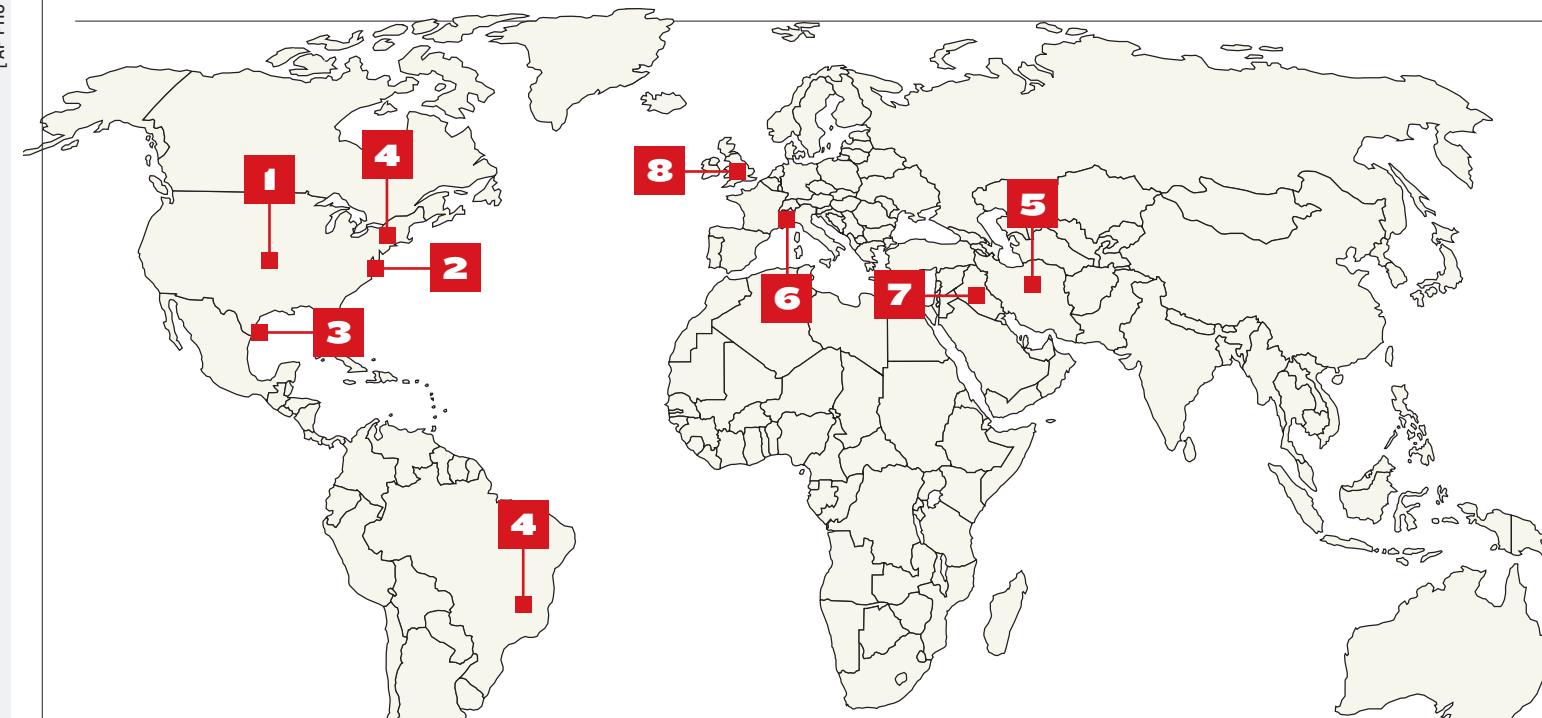
STATE SAMPLE

Oregon counts ballots no matter what happens to the voter. So does Florida. But in South Dakota, if you die before the election, so does your vote.

Laws in at least a dozen states are evenly split between tallying and dumping the votes. No one keeps records on how often such deaths occur.

Yet in this year's contentious campaign, the right of every American to a counted ballot has become a rallying cry—even if the voter dies before the tallying starts.

There are no military standards governing voting by soldiers. Rather, their mailed-in ballots are counted at the individual election districts where they are registered to vote. But like civilian votes, no one keeps track of whether the ballots of soldiers are thrown out because they died after casting them.



8 MANCHESTER, United Kingdom French aerial high wire dancers Cie Retouramont perform their dance routine Thursday above Albert Square. The dancers are performing as part of Manchester's Urban Moves International Dance Festival. [GETTY IMAGES PHOTO]

Iraqi athletes banned from Olympics

7 BAGHDAD Iraqi athletes have been banned from competing in the Olympics in Beijing because of a squabble between the Iraqi government and the International Olympic Committee, making Iraq one of the few countries to be barred from the games.

The dispute began when the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki disbanded the Iraqi Olympic Committee in May, accusing its members of corruption and winning their seats through rigged elections. Lazim, a member of the disbanded group, said the committee denies the allegations.

The government appointed an interim committee headed by the minister of sports, but the International Olympics Committee refused to recognize it, citing Olympic Charter rules that bar government interference in national Olympic committee activities. On June 4, it suspended Iraq's Olympic committee, giving the Iraqi government a deadline of Wednesday—the deadline for the submission of rosters in all sports but track and field.

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Since Tribune Co. narrowed down the field of would-be buyers for the Cubs earlier this week, the jockeying among prospective buyers has begun as they search for the right combination of money and partners to satisfy the Tribune and Major League Baseball owners who must approve new ownership.

The people who have made the cut are fielding calls from the people who are out. In one instance, Tribune, which also owns the Chicago Tribune and RedEye, has encouraged two would-be buyers to team up to buy the Cubs, a source familiar with the process said Thursday.

Tribune Co. has approached Sports Properties Acquisition, a publicly traded company set up for the purpose of buying a sports team, to consider joining a group led by Michael Tokarz, an Illinois native who is chairman of MVC Capital, said the source, who asked not to be identified because the sales process is ongoing.

If the parties combine, they would join Mark Cuban, the owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks, and Chicago businessman Thomas Ricketts, whose family founded Ameritrade, as bidders who have made it to the second round of the Cubs auction.

Ten potential buyers approved by MLB

received preliminary financial information on the Cubs, Wrigley Field and Tribune's interest in Comcast SportsNet Chicago. Tribune has invited five to continue in the sales process, Cubs Chairman Crane Kenney said Thursday, but it has not identified any of the interested parties.

Additionally, three bids for Wrigley Field alone have been deemed credible enough to consider further merit. A company spokesman declined to comment.

Those bidders invited to continue in the process, and given access to more detailed financial information, indicated their valuation of the Cubs and related properties could reach at least \$1 billion, sources said.

"The remaining bidders are going to get

access to some confidential information we put together in a data room," Kenney said. "After that, they'll get management presentations from our team and our whole group. Then they'll submit final bids, I'm guessing, right around the time the playoffs start."

"The bankers will walk through the final bids, and likely have something to submit to MLB at the owners meetings in November."

Sports Properties presents one of the more unusual ownership opportunities. It has no operations but is sitting on \$216 million that it raised in January in an initial public offering. Its stock trades under the ticker symbol HMR.

The company also sports a powerful list of executives that includes baseball legend

Henry Aaron, Jack Kemp, the former professional quarterback and congressman, and Tony Tavares, the former president of the Washington Nationals. Vice Chairman Andrew Murstein, who is president of a New York-based investment fund, led the effort to put together the company.

Tribune liked the company's baseball connections, but it was outbid by Tokarz, the source said. Tokarz' group of investors includes Fred Malek, a politically connected Washington venture capitalist who once co-owned the Texas Rangers with President Bush.

Murstein declined to comment on the Cubs. Tokarz could not be reached for comment.

Road warriors or road worries?

White Sox begin key 10-game trip against division rivals Detroit, Minnesota

Chicago Tribune

With 62 games left, crunch time starts for the White Sox this weekend.

"This is a huge trip for us," Nick Swisher said of a 10-game journey that starts Friday night against American League Central rival Detroit and continues with a four-game visit to second-place Minnesota.

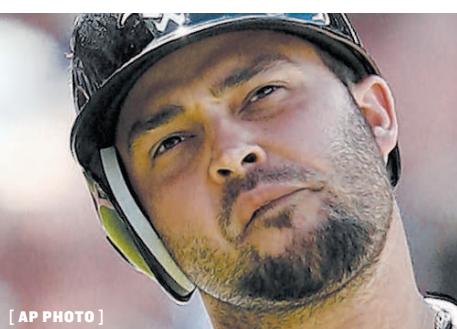
"There's no doubt about it. It could be one of the biggest of the season, considering how tight the standings are." The Sox (57-43) hold a 2½-game lead over Minnesota and are 5½ games ahead of Detroit. But shortly after sweeping Minnesota in a four-game home series in June, the Sox saw their 6½-game lead

slowly shrink—starting when the Tigers swept them in three games in Detroit.

"We have a really important series where we can fall apart, or come together and make it a special season," shortstop Orlando Cabrera said.

The road has been cruel to the Sox. Detroit's sweep occurred in the midst of a nine-game road losing streak spread over three weeks.

"This road trip can be how the summer's going to be for us," manager Ozzie Guillen



**"We control our destiny.
Either we're going to make
this happen or we're not."**

—NICK SWISHER



The Cubs' Reed Johnson is safe at 3rd on a sacrifice fly during Thursday's game against the Florida Marlins.

[CHARLES CHERNEY/TRIBUNE PHOTO]



Wood silent as he hits the DL

Kerry Wood was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Thursday with his blister problem, but the Cubs have backdated it the allowable 10 days to make him eligible again on Tuesday in Milwaukee.

"He is making progress and he's getting better," General Manager Jim Hendry said. "But I think with this time off, he's going to need a little work, whether it's a couple of [bullpen sessions] or a 'pen and a [simulated] game, we'll see how it goes. But I think it would probably not be in the best interest of anyone if we got him ready say by Saturday or Sunday and throw him right out there in a game with this long of time off."

Wood declined to address the media.

The Cubs will continue to go with a bullpen that's one man short, though Hendry confirmed that former Notre Dame star Jeff Samardzija will possibly be called up from Triple-A Iowa on Friday to make his major-league debut.

As for Wood, the Cubs insist the blister is not a big deal. But the loss of your closer for over two weeks is always a concern, especially when his name is Kerry Wood. Wood has not pitched in a game since July 11.

Hendry said a visit to a hand specialist by Wood discovered no irregularities in the hand.

"It's just a real bad case of the blister has taken a long, long time to heal," he said. "A lot of skin irritation and things like that. But there was not any infection or anything found."

Discussing some of the remedies, Hendry brought up ointments and pickle juice, adding: "I haven't asked him if he tried the Moises Alou approach. I'm sure his frustration level has probably been conducive to trying that for now. But I didn't want to ask."

The Moises Alou approach, for those who don't know or don't want to know, is to urinate on your hands to make them harder. [TRIBUNE]



CUBS 6, MARLINS 3

Carlos Zambrano pitched seven solid innings and the Cubs snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Florida Marlins with a 6-3 victory Thursday night.

» Steve Bartman refused yet another offer to cash in on his infamy following his interference with a foul ball in the Chicago Cubs' 2003 playoff loss to the Florida Marlins.

Bartman's friend Frank

said. "It can be a real fun one or a miserable one. We've played big games against our division. I don't know why, but I have a lot of confidence we're going to play good."

The Sox are 34-16 against the AL Central but have lost their last five games at Minnesota and Detroit and are 22-27 away from U.S. Cellular Field.

"That's all in the first half," closer Bobby Jenks said. "We're still in first place. If we can make a few changes, go .500 on the road and keep winning at home, that

Murtha said the infamous fan won't accept an offer of \$25,000 to attend the National Sports Collectors Convention and autograph a photograph of him tipping a foul ball. The ball seemed destined for Cubs outfielder Moises Alou's glove during the critical game.

Alou has since said he wouldn't have caught the ball.

Bartman has declined all offers to appear or make money off his brush with fame. [AP]

will make a difference."

The Sox set their rotation for the second half so that 10-game winner Gavin Floyd will open the Detroit series. He is 3-0 lifetime with a 2.43 ERA against the Tigers.

"We control our destiny," Swisher said. "Either we're going to make this happen or we're not. But with the personnel we have, the personalities, the attitude, camaraderie, the will to fight, we have one heck of a shot of having a tremendous season doing the things we're capable of."



SOX HITS

First baseman Brad Eldred returned to Triple-A Charlotte after missing a month because of a broken hand. Eldred was 1-for-6 in his first two games since returning to the Knights.

NEXT SERIES at Tigers

Friday: 6:05 p.m.; WCIU-Ch. 26. **RH** Gavin Floyd (10-6, 3.52) vs. **LH** Nate Robertson (6-8, 5.69)

Saturday: 6:05 p.m.; CSN. **LH** John Danks

(7-4, 3.03) vs. **RH** Justin Verlander (8-9, 3.95)

Sunday: 12:05 p.m.; WGN-Ch. 9. **RH** Javier Vazquez (7-6, 4.57) vs. **RH** Zach Miner (4-3, 3.73) [TRIBUNE]



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1 Snap to it

I hear Rex Grossman fumbled a snap from center Thursday at camp. Hey, practice makes perfect, right?

2 Devin sent

Some are saying it might make sense to trade Devin Hester instead of give him a raise. Just like it made sense to trade Grossman last year and the year before ...

3 Off on the right foot

The Bears' first-round draft pick left camp Thursday with an injury. Oh, yes, he's gonna fit right in.

4 Big guns

The Cubs are the only team in baseball to have three pitchers with double-digit wins. That's nice to know, but only one digit matters to Cubs fans: 100 years.

5 Get it over with

All this good news is just setting Cubs fans up for the big fall. Can we just fast-forward to the soul-crushing collapse in September, please?

6 The Cub-ans

Mark Cuban is one of the bidders moving on to the second round of the Cubs auction. I can't wait for the day he and Lou Piniella come face-to-face-spewing face.

7 Ozzie's match

At least Cuban could relegate White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen to the second-most foul-mouthed in the city.

8 Quentin ain't quittin'

Carlos Quentin smacked another homer—a three-run rally-capper—on Wednesday. Is there any baseball player more overlooked than this guy? Kudos, Carlos.

9 Steve sticks to his guns

Steve Bartman, who interfered with a foul ball in 2003 during the Cubs' attempt to reach the World Series, turned down \$25,000 to attend a convention and sign one autograph. He should talk to Devin Hester.

FIVE THINGS ...

I would do for \$25,000

» Let Lou Piniella give me a bath.

» Let Ozzie Guillen tell my pups bedtime stories.

» Let Rex Grossman play fetch with me.

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» Let Devin Hester balance my checkbook.

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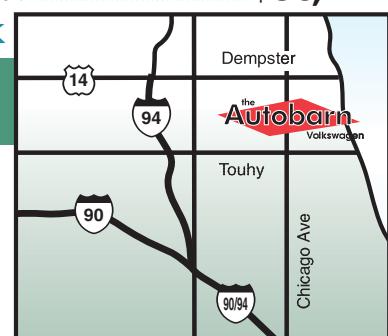
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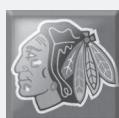
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SPORTS SHORTSTOPS**HOMETOWN HITS**

The Blackhawks traded Martin St. Pierre to the Boston Bruins in exchange for fellow center Pascal Pelletier on Thursday. Pelletier, 25, made his NHL debut with the Bruins last season and was held scoreless in six games.



SILVER STARS 78, SKY 67
Sophia Young scored 20 points, including seven during a decisive third-quarter run, and San Antonio defeated the Sky on Thursday.



Illinois-Chicago basketball coach Jimmy Collins has received a three-year contract extension. University of Illinois trustees agreed Thursday to give Collins the extension, which will keep him at the school through the 2011-2012 season. Collins is paid \$349,000 a year. The extension includes the possibility of pay raises each season but doesn't specify how much they might be.

MACKINAC

The final results of the annual yacht race from Chicago's Navy Pier to Mackinac Island have been announced. The Velero VII won the Mackinac Trophy division with a corrected time of 47 hours, 49 minutes. The Stripes won the Mackinac Cup division with a corrected time of 48 hours, 17 minutes. And the Gamera won the multi-hull division for a third straight year, posting a corrected time of 51 hours, 1 minute.

The Hesterless Bears

BOURBONNAIS The Bears coped with the absence of holdout return man Devin Hester on Thursday, with receivers coach Darryl Drake looking for what he called a "Lou Gehrig" in the receiver corps.

"You tell the guys nobody ever heard of Lou Gehrig until Wally Pipp got sick one day and he was held out," Drake said. "Next thing you know Miller Huggins said hey, Gehrig, get in here."

There was no word of progress in talks between the team and Hester's agent, Eugene Parker. Rookie Earl Bennett and veterans Rashied Davis and Mark Bradley made plays Thursday in the passing game.

Davis twice got deep for catches behind the secondary in scrimmage.

Free agent acquisitions Marty Booker and Brandon Lloyd also figure into the Bears plans to replace lost free agent Bernard Berrian.

Hester figured to be the deep threat despite his inexperience. He made 20 catches in 2007, his first season as a receiver.

"He has the ability to be one of the best I've ever coached," Drake said.

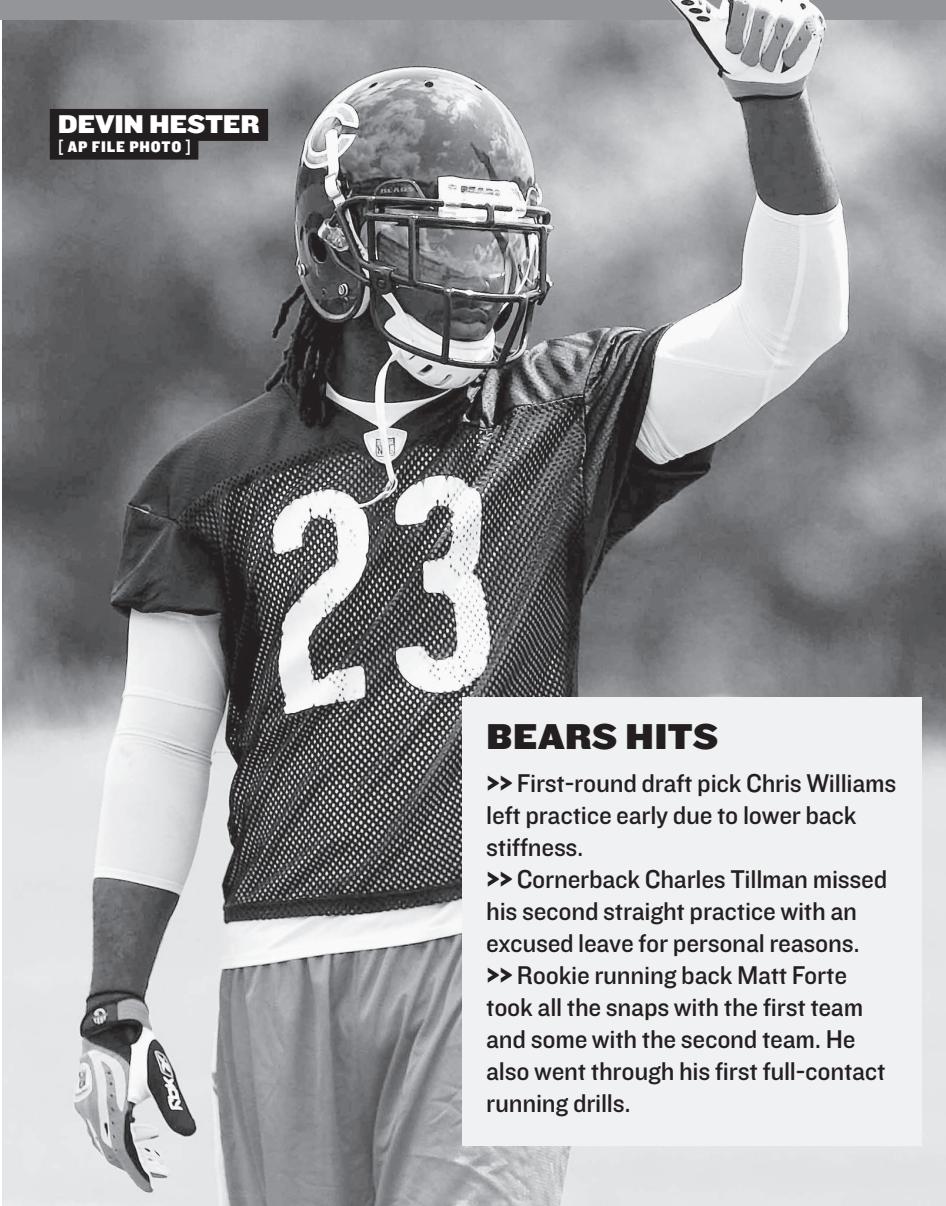
The Bears also retooled their return teams without Hester.

Davis was the main kick returner while Bennett and cornerback Nate Vasher got a look at punt returner.

Players say they understand Hester's situation, even if he wants a new contract after only two years of his four-year deal.

"He has to do what he has to do for himself and his family," Davis said.

DEVIN HESTER
[AP FILE PHOTO]

**BEARS HITS**

>> First-round draft pick Chris Williams left practice early due to lower back stiffness.

>> Cornerback Charles Tillman missed his second straight practice with an excused leave for personal reasons.

>> Rookie running back Matt Forte took all the snaps with the first team and some with the second team. He also went through his first full-contact running drills.

AT THE BUZZER**Favre's jersey retirement on hold too**

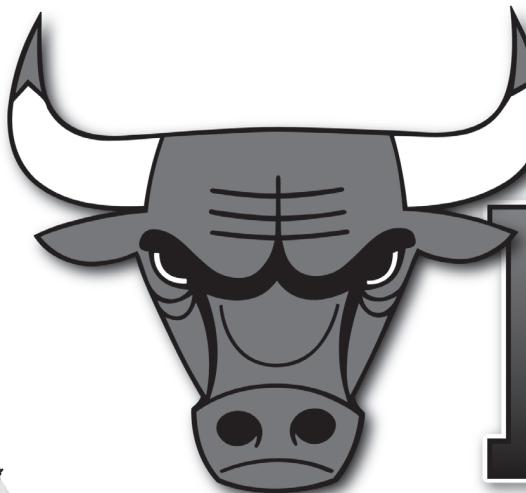
With Brett Favre's retirement up in the air, it goes without saying that the Green Bay Packers might have to put off retiring the three-time MVP's jersey. The Packers had scheduled a ceremony to retire Favre's jersey in conjunction with the Sept. 8 season opener against Minnesota at Lambeau Field.

Barry Bonds to the Yankees?

Barry Bonds in pinstripes? If nothing else, the New York Yankees plan to talk about it. Yankees officials gathered for meetings at their spring training complex Thursday, a day off for the team before it begins a series at Boston.



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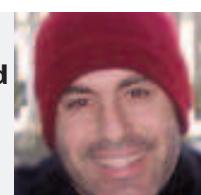
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TOPIC 1: WHAT WOULD THE BEARS DO WITHOUT DEVIN HESTER?

Won't happen. Devin is famous for his returns.	They'd need a new return specialist. Brett Favre?	Save \$445,000 and lose three more games.	Save a few bucks, lose a lot of games.	Teach Robbie Gould to kick 80-yard field goals.
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TOPIC 2: WHAT DOES SIGNING A CONTRACT REALLY MEAN TO NFL PLAYERS?

It depends what they are contracting.	It means, "signing bonus." Which means, "future altercation at gentlemen's club."	The same thing it means to NFL teams that cut players with millions left on their deals.	A big, fat paycheck.	A shot at endorsement money for whatever pen they're using.
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TOPIC 3: IF MARK CUBAN OWNED THE CUBS, WHAT WOULD CHANGE?

The Cubs will be the Cub-ans. Move the spotlight where it belongs.	Free chalupas for every Kerry Wood blister recurrence.	He and Ozzie would start a joint e-mail account.	Lou Pinella would no longer be the most critical—and loudest—one on the field.	Old and busted: seventh-inning stretch. New hotness: seventh inning lambada.
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TOPIC 4: WHEN SHOULD CUBS FANS START WORRYING ABOUT THE BREWERS?

When Wisconsin secedes from Canada.	Um, Sabathia, Sheets, Braun and Fielder don't scare them already?	If you didn't start worrying July 6, then I'm worried for you.	Yesterday. There's always reason for concern with the Cubs.	I don't think the fans ever had a chance at beating the Brewers.
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TOPIC 5: HOW ODD IS IT FOR YOU TO SEE NASCAR RACING AT INDY?

Makes sense. NASCAR fans are always wondering Hoosier daddy.	It's like watching polo on elephants. Yes, I'm comparing Tony Stewart to an elephant.	About as odd as finding out that's now what they do at Indy.	Is NASCAR not normally at Indy? Car racing is all the same to me ...	It's odd to see anyone at Indy with gas over \$4 a gallon.
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your favorites at the society's heavily discounted **cheese sale**. (Get there early; we hear items move fast). Festival: 5:30 p.m. Saturday. \$85. Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Sale: 10 a.m. Sunday. Free. The Dining Room at Kendall College, 900 N. North Branch St. Contact: cheesesociety.org

Little dumplings

How far would you pedal for pierogi? Join other enthusiasts at **Ride to Pierogi Fest**. The 36-mile round-trip cycle from Grant Park reaches the fest grounds in Whiting, Ind., via a breezy lakefront trail. Bring cash for brews and eats. The fest also features folk dancing and polka bands. Helmets required. 11 a.m. Saturday. Free. Buckingham Fountain, 500 S. Lake Shore Drive.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

WEEKEND BEST BETS

By Beth Geraci
METROMIX.COM

One to savor

The 25th annual **Taste of Lincoln Avenue** embraces the tried and true street fest formula with more than 300 food, beer, wine and arts vendors between Fullerton and Wrightwood Avenues, while 40-plus acts play on five stages. Hear everything from gospel band The Lee Boys to rockers The Why Store (Saturday), and blues musician Linsey Alexander to folk outfit Anna Fermin's Trigger Gospel (Sunday). Thai Bowl, Jade East and Nonna's Pizzeria feed crowds alongside 20 others from the area. On Sunday, compete in a baggo tourney. Noon Saturday and Sunday. \$7-\$10 donation. 773-868-3010.

PARTY PICKS

Buffet bash

Lizzie McNeill's Irish Pub says "Aloha!" to Jimmy Buffett fans at **Luau on the Chicago River**. The outdoor bash at McClurg Court and East River Drive toasts Buffett's second Toyota Park gig (Saturday) with beer and barbecue vendors, giveaways and live music all weekend. Noon Friday; 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. No cover. 400 N. McClurg Ct. 312-467-1992.

Diamond in the ruff

Whether or not you have tickets to see Neil Diamond play the United Center (Saturday and Sunday), you can show your loyalty at Mahoney's Pub and Grille. On Friday, compete in a Diamond look-alike contest (9 p.m.) for concert tickets and camp out on the bar's patio (BYO bedding) as part of **Thank the Lord for the Night Time**, a bash continuing through 3 a.m. Sunday. On Saturday, watch Diamond videos and see tribute band Tumbleweed (8 p.m.). No cover. 551 N. Ogden Ave. 312-733-2121.

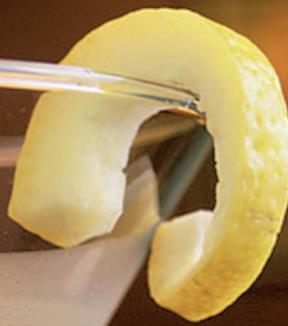
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Get lit with an expected crowd of 675,000 at the 51st annual **Venetian Night** (left) where about 25 illuminated and decorated vessels parade along the lakefront. The annual spectacle includes a flyover by the Lima Lima Flight Team and a fireworks display. Scout seats early for a view between Roosevelt Road and Monroe Drive. Boat parade begins at 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Free. Monroe Harbor, 100 S. Lake Shore Drive. 312-744-3315.

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Fri.: \$2 Miller High Life bottles; 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

CELTIC CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE

\$3.50 Blue Moon drafts and Heineken bottles, \$4 energy cocktails, \$7.99 battered fish and chips, free wings with beverage purchase (3-6 p.m.); 4301 N. Western Ave. 773-588-1110.

CREW

\$2 PBR cans, \$3.50 Goose Island Honker's Ale, \$9 taco salads, DJ Tones spins (8 p.m.), Hot Jock Contest (11:30 p.m.); 4804 N. Broadway. 773-784-2739.

DELILAH'S

\$3 Goose Island 312 pints and Maker's Mark cocktails; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

FEARON'S PUBLIC HOUSE

\$6 Absolut martinis, \$4 Spaten drafts, \$6 pasta dinner; 3001 N.

Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990.

GAMEKEEPERS

\$3.50 16-ounce pints and \$5 25-ounce mugs of Sam Adams; 1971 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-0400.

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\$5 martinis and bombs, \$3 drafts; 2512 N. Halsted St. 773-296-9700.

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\$3 kamikaze shots, \$4 Corona bottles, \$5 Level vodka cocktails, DJ Scottie spins; 3542 N. Halsted St. 773-857-2444.

LIAR'S CLUB

\$2.50 Pabst pints, DJs San Juan and Kevin Thista spin; 1665 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-665-1110.

THE LOFT

8:30 p.m.: Singles Speed Dating Party. Meet other singles for fast dates. Includes drink specials. \$35. Registration required: dateanddash.com; 15 W. Division St. 800-957-3274.

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\$3 domestic bottles, \$4 SoCo Lime shots, flip-for-your-food discount; 2470 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-929-0660.

MATISSE

Fri.: \$5 martinis; 674 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-528-6670.

THE MOTEL BAR

\$5 Absolut cocktails, \$8 blackened catfish sandwich, DJ Scott Lucas of Local H spins rock and alternative (10 p.m.-2 a.m.); 600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-2900.

THE ORBIT ROOM
\$4 Beamish drafts, \$9 fish and chips dinner; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

POAG MAHONE'S

\$3 Miller Lite pints, \$3.25 gin and tonics; 333 S. Wells St. 312-566-9100.

REAGLE BEAGLE

\$3 margaritas, sangria and quesadillas, DJs spin at 9 p.m.; 160 E. Grand Ave. 312-755-9645.

ROSCOE'S

\$12 Stoli pink lemonade pitchers, \$11-\$13 beer pitchers; 3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355.

THE SPOT

\$5 margaritas; 4437 N. Broadway. 773-728-8934.

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Blind Melon, Fastball
7 p.m. \$21-\$28. Lincoln Park Zoo (Jammin' at the Zoo), 2200 N. Cannon Drive. 312-742-2283.

Bret Gant is Dead, Spiller Whale, Coffinberry, The Nothingheads
9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com.

Chris Kern, Jeff Harms
8 p.m. \$5-\$15 suggested donation. Elastic, 2830 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-772-3616.

Cypress Hill, Gina Rene, Verbal Kent
7 p.m. \$45-\$100. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

The Honorary Title, New Frontiers

Dark Star Orchestra
8:30 p.m. \$25. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

Deadstring Brothers, Pool of Frogs, Kyle Mann Combo
9:30 p.m. \$10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

Fareed Haque's Flat Planet Band
9 p.m. \$12. The Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

Green Sugar, Cealed Kasket, Hemi, Along the Parallel, Twinray
9 p.m. \$10. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

Hair Police, Hive Mind, Oakeater, Bruce Lamont, Bloodyminded
10 p.m. \$8. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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Paper Rival, Mansions
7 p.m. \$10-\$13. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

Hootie and the Blowfish, Drew Davis Band
8 p.m. \$20-\$125. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

Jonny Rumble, The Sapiens, Raised on Zenith, Model K

9 p.m. \$5 (free before 9:30 p.m.). Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

Les McCann/Javon Jackson Quintet

8 and 10 p.m. \$20. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

The Methadones, The Copyrights, The Chinese Telephones, The Tattle Tales

8 p.m. \$10. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake

St. 312-666-6775.

Polvo, Red Eyed Legends, Sybris

9:30 p.m. Sold out. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

Rebirth Brass Band, High End Trio

10 p.m. \$15. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

Soft Targets, The Aliens, 20th Century Rocket Building



STAYIN' ALIVE Chicago rockers Jonny Rumble play a release show for their new record, "Almost Dead," on Friday at Metro with Metromix Rock 'n' Vote 2008 participants The Sapiens. Arrive before 9:30 p.m. and the show's free.

10 p.m. \$5 donation. Cal's Liquors, 400 S. Wells St. 773-248-8828.

Sonoi, Blues Oblique, James Elkington

10 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

Takka Takka, Grammar, Alina Simone

10 p.m. \$8. Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

Abstract Giants

9 p.m. \$20. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

SATURDAY

After Midnight Project, Josephine Collective, Meqqa

5 p.m. \$8-\$10. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-

949-0120.

Amrita, Dormlife, Minus the Girl, A Kidnap in Color, Lookout! Giants

6 p.m. \$9. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

Anupama Bhagwat, Pandit Samar Saha, 8 p.m. \$15-\$25. International House, University of Chicago, 1414 E. 59th St. 773-753-2270.

Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti, Chairlift, Magical, Beautiful
10 p.m. \$10. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

Canasta, Brighton, MA, Birds Per Hour
10 p.m. Free. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

Dark Star Orchestra
8:30 p.m. \$25. Park West, 322 W. Armitage Ave. 312-559-1212.

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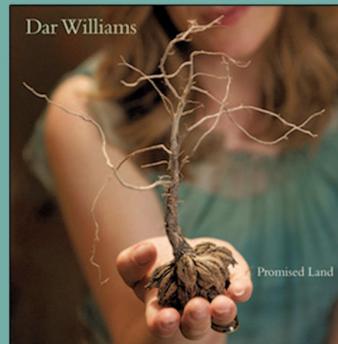
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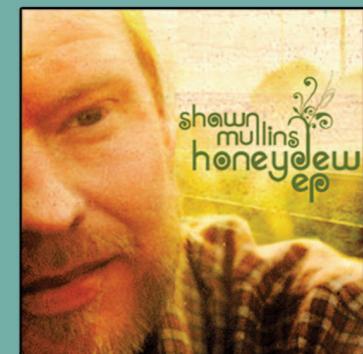
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9 p.m. \$12. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

Fareed Haque's Flat Planet Band

8 p.m. \$12. The Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

A Friend Called Fire, Abandon the Radio, Foo

10 p.m. Cover varies. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic

10 p.m. \$30. Cubby Bear, 1059 W. Addison St. 312-559-1212.

How Far to Austin, Dubasaurus, The Indoor Kids, Eli Story,

9 p.m. \$15. Martyrs',

Firebug, Steven Hollerup, DJ Faze

7 p.m. \$10. The Kinetic Playground, 1113 W. Lawrence Ave. 773-769-5483.

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9 p.m. \$10-\$12. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

Isis, Dub Trio

10:30 p.m. \$16. Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band

8 p.m. \$36-\$136. Toyota Park, 7000 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview. 312-559-1212.

Julia Klee and the Clockworks, Dave Wechsler, Ron Morris

9 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

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Les McCann/Javon Jackson Quintet

8 and 10 p.m. \$20. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

Lucky Boys Confusion,**The Frantic, Flowers for Dorian, The Sky Rockits**

7 p.m. \$16-\$18. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

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8 p.m. \$85-\$120. United Center, 1901 W. Madison St. 312-559-1212.

Nicole Mitchell's Black Earth Ensemble

9:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

Otter Petter, The Never, The Saturday Nights, Tennis Courts

8 p.m. \$5-\$8. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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10 p.m. \$8. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

Rare Action, Ozarks!, Fif Dos, Emerson B, Beautiful City

9 p.m. \$10 suggested donation. South Union Arts Gallery, 1352 S. Union St. mpshows.com.

Reggie Rockstone, Tinny, Castro, V.I.P., Mzbel, Screwface, Tic Tac, Faze

9 p.m. \$30. Congress Theater, 2135 N. Milwaukee Ave. 312-559-1212.

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9:30 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

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Kinsella's Arc

Emo pioneer re-energized on his latest, 'Boo Human'

Chicago Tribune

Tim Kinsella is permanently saddled with the burden of being one of the guys who allegedly "invented" the sub-genre of punk known as emo. He once was in a band, Cap'n Jazz, that he formed with his brother Mike while they were teens. The band's brand of skewed punk won them a following that has expanded since the group broke up in 1995.

While vestiges of his Cap'n Jazz legacy flit through his work with the band Joan of Arc, Kinsella has become less easily pigeonholed. His knotty music and enigmatic lyrics are not designed for "easy" listening.

But with Joan of Arc's latest, "Boo Human," Kinsella and his accomplices have made their most accessible album: a loose and intimate display in which even the off-kilter harmonics and rhythms coalesce into frequently lovely songs, and the lyrics are more direct than ever. A bit more emo, in a sense, but much better in every way—more nuanced, subtler and funnier.

"It's an exception to how I generally work," Kinsella says of the new album. "It's always meant a lot to me to have these very

open narratives. People would respond that they found that pretentious or alienating, but I always meant it as a gesture of generosity... But with 'Boo Human,' I was at a place personally where I was ready to make an

indulgent, subjective record. 'Sorry, everyone, but this one is about me. It's not for you.'

That directness stems from a tumultuous couple of years in Kinsella's life. He briefly detoured from music to make a low-budget, independent movie, "The Orchard Vale,"

with his wife.

"It was pretty thrilling," he says of moviemaking, but it cost him his marriage.

"That's the only part I regret about it," he says. "It created a lot of tension. I was aware of that possibility, because with any collaboration there is conflict.... There were months with my wife where one of us would wake up and the first thing out of their mouth would be, 'Scene 47 should be shortened, and we can go right into scene 52 from there.' And we'd begin the day talking to each other like that."

Images brimming with pain, anger and regret animate "Boo Human," but the frequently entrancing music also acts as a



KINSELLA

balm. Besides the Joan of Arc touring band, a dozen musician-friends contributed.

"I have the greatest life ever: I bartend two nights a week, and I have the rest of the time to work on my music," Kinsella says. "It's the process of making stuff that I'm really excited about. I don't understand the ends."

The process of making "Boo Human" was so energizing that he's in the midst of making another Joan of Arc record, which

he hopes to have out in late fall. By then, Kinsella will have embarked on his next creative journey: a master's degree program in writing at the Art Institute.

Why the new challenge? Kinsella punctuates his response with a chuckle (and, for all you indie-rock nerds out there, a quote from an old Young Marble Giants song): "I hope to prove to my ex-wife that I can get 'credit in the straight world' if I want to."

Is Girl Talk hiding from the law online?

Associated Press

Conflicts over copyrights are commonplace on the Internet. But can the Web also be a sanctuary from the law?

The laptop DJ Gregg Gillis, who performs under the name Girl Talk, hopes so. He recently released his fourth album, "Feed the Animals," online in the pay-what-you-want style that Radiohead popularized.

The album is almost custom-made for lawsuits. It was made entirely with samples, a mishmash of more than 200 artists, from Roy Orbison to Lil' Wayne.

One song, "Still Here," includes Aretha Franklin, Michael Jackson, Radiohead, Ace of Base, Fergie, Kenny Loggins, Cat Stevens, 50 Cent—and that's not even half of the song's samples.

Gillis did not invent the mash-up, and he's far from the first to profit on the gim-



Girl Talk

When: 6:30 Sunday

Where: Lollapalooza's Citi Stage

mix of combining music that doesn't normally mesh. But he may have taken things as far as they go, jumping from sample to sample nearly every few seconds.

The download site for the album, which the fittingly named label Illegal Art plans to eventually release in a physical version, makes it clear that listeners have the right to share and remix the album.

But what about Girl Talk? Does Gillis

have the rights to his samples? No, of course he doesn't. Gillis, 26, has done this before. His last album, "Night Ripper," was a similarly sample-mad affair that raised his profile—making the threat of legal recourse on "Feed the Animals" more likely.

By releasing the album online and making payment unnecessary, Gillis and Illegal Art are hoping to weaken the enticement of copyright infringement lawsuits. If they obviously made a lot of money, the suits surely would follow.

Their ultimate defense is that Gillis has made this music his own—that no song is based much on any sample. Whether a judge would see it that way for Girl Talk hasn't yet been tested.

In the meantime, Gillis hopes that online his music spreads far, just not as far as a courtroom.



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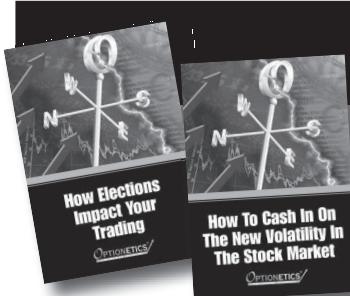
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POP MOVIES



Will Ferrell (left)
and **John C. Reilly** star
in "Step Brothers."

OH, BROTHERS

Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly at it again in 'Step Brothers'

By Miki Turner

FOR REDEYE

Judging by their antics at a recent L.A. news conference, it's obvious that Will Ferrell and Chicago native John C. Reilly might share the same DNA.

They just played "Step Brothers" in the comedy opening Friday.

The lunacy ensued the moment the pair entered the room full of reporters. Ferrell, announcing that he was working on a new

cookbook about salads, brought in a family-sized bowl of tossed salad.

"If anyone feels hungry during this time, you can grab handfuls," Ferrell said. Reilly countered with, "If anyone needs flashbulbs, we have extras."

It's this kind of deadpan humor that has made Ferrell and Reilly Hollywood's latest comedy duo. The pair, who played buddies in "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," now are playing a pair of 40-ish slackers who still live at home with their single parents. When their parents marry and move in together, Brennan Huff (Ferrell) and Dale Doback (Reilly) are forced to share a room and get along.

In one of the funniest scenes in the film,

Dale runs down a list of the house rules to his new step-sibling, since Brennan and his mother (Mary Steenburgen) have invaded the turf once solely occupied by Dale and his dad (Richard Jenkins).

Rule No. 1: Brennan is never to touch Dale's drum set. But not only does Brennan touch it with his hands, he gets very personally acquainted with Dale's snare drum.

As a co-writer on the film (with Ferrell and Ferrell's long-time creative partner Adam McKay), Reilly drew from personal experiences growing up with five siblings on the South Side.

He actually learned to play the drums on his brother's set when his brother wasn't home. Reilly's brother never caught him,

but accused Reilly of damaging drumsticks. Apparently, the memory of his transgressions lingers.

"I haven't talked to my brother about it," Reilly said, laughing. "I have to get around to that."

According to McKay, Ferrell got a little freaky with his brother's fish tank. He did to it—and the fish—what Brennan does to Dale's snare drum in the film.

Even though they've had their issues with their brothers, Ferrell and Reilly both conceded they have not met any siblings like their on-screen alter egos. Reilly was "officially" allowed to leave home at 18, he said. He eventually earned a degree in drama from DePaul University.



[COLUMBIA PICTURES PHOTO]

FAST-PAISED REVIEW

Step Brothers
Brennan (Will Ferrell), 39, and Dale (John C. Reilly), 40, still act like 6-year-olds and live with their respective single parents. When the parents (Richard Jenkins, Mary Steenburgen) get hitched, the boys must get along and get jobs or risk being thrown out of the house.

Catch it: Dudes wearing tuxes to job interviews? A suburban family harmonizing to Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine"? Comedy like this can swerve quickly from demented hilarity to moronstupidity (these guys speak their own language, so they deserve their own words). But the consistently funny "Step Brothers" might make you believe in the redeeming, endearing power of immaturity.

Skip it ... If you, like Dale, also think participating in a fantasy league counts as being employed to "manage a baseball team." Anything that brings in cash should count as a job!

Bottom line: As usual, several gags (licking dog poop, beating up kids) aim for the cheapest of laughs. And you may get depressed if you concentrate on what emotional problems these guys must have. But perk up, stop thinking and spend the 90 minutes laughing. [MATT PAIS IS THE METROMIX MOVIES PRODUCER.]

Ferrell, a Southern California native, left home to attend the University of Southern California at age 18, but moved back in with his parents after graduating. He thinks kids should move out when they're ready.

"For some [kids], that's [as] a 5-year-old child," he said with a straight face. "For others, it's a 52-year-old man."

Ferrell and Reilly did get serious—if just for a moment—during the news conference when they talked about researching the "boomerang" syndrome of kids moving back in with their parents. They discovered that quite a few Brennans and Dales exist in the U.S.

"It's like the increase of adult children living at home has gone up drastically in the last 10 years," Reilly said. "So that made [the storyline] a bit more legitimate."

Ferrell credits McKay with coming up with the concept after the three of them talked about reuniting for another film.

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Naturally, Reilly already has some ideas as to where he could fit in.

"I think I would make a fine weather girl," Reilly said.

Ferrell's response—or maybe he was just concerned about waste: "There's still a lot of salad here. No one's touched it." [MIKI TURNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]

SIBLING SUMMER

Siblings can provide a steady helping of friendship and support, or a bottomless well of annoyance. Love 'em or hate 'em, they're always gonna be there. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly put sibling rivalry back on Hollywood's radar in the new comedy "Step Brothers," opening Friday. What other Hollywood stars should be paired up? [METROMIX]

Macaulay Culkin and Ellen DeGeneres

Flick: "The Lick of Destiny"
Plot: A washed up, former child actor (DeGeneres) and her highly-rated talk show host brother (Culkin) hatch a scheme to break into the KISS Memorabilia Museum and steal a replica of Gene Simmons' tongue to pay off gambling debts.

**Matt Damon and Mark Wahlberg**

Flick: "The Boogie Identity"
Plot: When the feuding Diggler brothers reunite at their father's funeral, ex-porn star Dirk (Wahlberg) and amnesia-prone international spy Jason (Damon)—who only recently learned he's a Diggler and longs to swap careers with his brother—put their differences aside and set off on an international adventure to rescue a baby panda from North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il's personal menagerie.

**Michael Cera and Paul Dano**

Flick: "Border Bros"
Plot: Dorky brothers Justin (Paul) and Dustin (Cera) would do anything to get into a fraternity. To prove their commitment, the brothers make a road trip to Tijuana searching for Sigma Chi's missing Jack Johnson-shaped bong. Judd Apatow directs, with a mid-movie cameo from Cheech and Chong as former members of the fraternity hiding from the Feds.

**Amy Poehler and Kristen Wiig**

Flick: "You, Me and Iowa"
Plot: A Chili's waitress (Wiig) falls in love with a Democratic campaign manager (Luke Wilson) in suburban Iowa. But her Ann Coulter-impersonating sister (Poehler) steps in to get her sis back on the "Right" track. Set to a soundtrack of original songs by Carrie Underwood and indie hits by Death Cab for Cutie.

**Kurt Russell and Jeff Bridges**

Flick: "The Big Lebowski 2: The Search for Donny's Gold"
Plot: Slacker extraordinaire Jeffrey Lebowski (Bridges) falls into another adventure when his super-stoner brother, Tom (Russell), shows up with a map that might lead to a coffee can of gold left behind by their deceased friend Donny (Steve Buscemi) at Roscoe's Chicken and Waffles.



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A promotional poster for The X-Files. The top half features a close-up of Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson). Mulder is on the left, looking intensely at the viewer, while Scully is on the right, looking slightly off-camera with a serious expression. Below them, the title 'THE X-FILES' is displayed in large, white, sans-serif letters. The 'X' is enclosed in a red circle. Below the title, the tagline 'I WANT TO BELIEVE' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a small image of a person standing in a dark, beam-lit space, possibly a basement or a secret laboratory. The overall background is dark and moody.





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POP MOVIES

Still Scully

Gillian Anderson went from anonymous to iconic on 'X Files'

The Washington Post

One year went by. Then two, three, four.

Finally, almost six years after they wrapped, Gillian Anderson found herself sitting in a room again with David Duchovny and "X-Files" creator Chris Carter.

"It was quite a monumental event," Anderson says of the first time they gathered to read through the script of the second movie, "The X-Files: I Want to Believe," which opens Friday.

"On the one hand, it felt incredibly familiar and kind of melancholy and sweet and wistful in some way. And on the other hand, it felt strange and awkward and like I was an impostor somehow on this other world."

“

I wasn't gonna let this experience of this reunion pass by.”
GILLIAN ANDERSON
[on reprising her role of Scully for the new "X-Files" movie]

[TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX PHOTO]



It was the world Anderson inhabited for most of her young adult life. She landed the role of FBI Agent Dana Scully on the cult sci-fi series when she was just 24 and spent nearly a decade chasing aliens through the snowdrifts of Vancouver, where it was shot.

Last week, after flying to L.A. from London—the city that's been her home for the

past five years—the 39-year-old actress happened upon "a table full of giggly 20-something girls drinking and talking nonstop."

"When I think to myself, 'Where was I then?' I forget that I ended up skipping a huge chunk of that period because I was working," she says. "I was very myopic during the series ... but I don't regret it in any way."

Agent Scully was a role that propelled her from anonymous to iconic and left a mark she never could have imagined at the outset.

Career-wise too, Scully seemed fastened to Anderson after the series ended. She recalls fearing that she'd be offered only roles that were Scully-like. Instead, it was perhaps worse—"people just had a hard time seeing where Scully would fit into their films," she says. "They couldn't make the leap to it being Gillian and not Scully and that I might be able to do other things."

Eventually, some directors did take the risk, casting Anderson in several London stage productions, a BBC adaptation of "Bleak House" and the feature film "The Last King of Scotland." She also moved to London, had a second child and became pregnant with a third. (She is due in October. It will be her second baby with boyfriend Mark Griffiths. She is twice divorced.)

Even if the film does reinforce her perceived union with Scully, the trade off is worth it, she says.

"I wasn't gonna let this experience of this reunion pass by because that might be the case," she says, adding, "I don't think that will happen. I've done enough stuff already and ... have things scheduled for the future that are different, so I don't think that will be an issue."

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If you don't have a power meter handy, you can start to cut your power bill simply by identifying the oldest devices in your house. Most TVs, VCRs and stereos predating this decade draw a few watts of current even when turned off; unplugging them when not in use should immediately chisel away at your electrical consumption.



Ringing in a new tone

If you don't learn how to use any other feature on your new cell phone, please take a few minutes to figure out how to change its ringtone.

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On almost all phones, you can switch ringtones by navigating to the preferences, options or settings screen, then choosing the right category (usually named something like "sounds" if not the even more obvious "ringtones").

Since choosing a new ringtone usually involves first playing a lot that you won't like, save this work for when you're alone.

Click right for options

Some of the most useful commands and options in a program may be waiting in menus that only appear if you click your mouse's right button—or, on Macs with single-button mice, if you hold down the Ctrl key and click.

These right-click menus usually group commands related to whatever lies underneath them. For example, right-clicking on a program's shortcut in the Windows Start menu will let you rename it or "pin" it to the top of this menu. (Some misguided or malevolent developers take this practice too far by making commands accessible only through right-click menus.)

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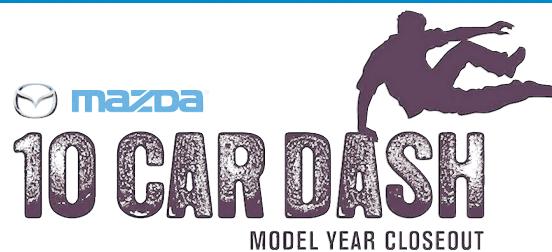


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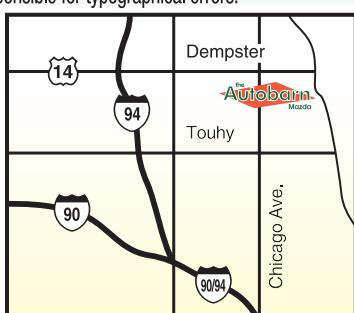


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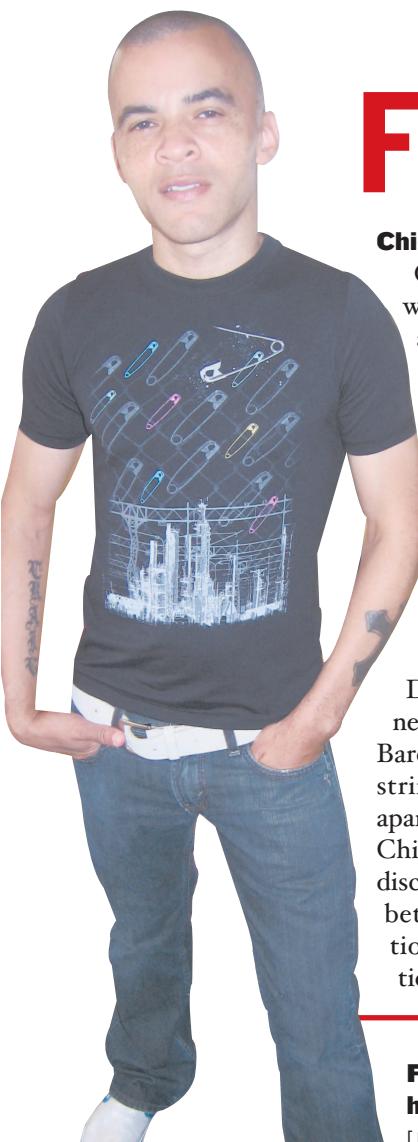
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FROM STUDENT TO STRIPPER

**Chicago Tribune**

Craig Seymour has worked as a music critic at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Buffalo News. He also worked as a stripper in Washington, D.C., gay bars during the 1990s.

Seymour, who starts teaching journalism at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb this fall, has a new memoir, "All I Could Bare," about life in a G-string. During a recent apartment-hunting trip to Chicago, the 39-year-old discussed the connections between writing aspirations and onstage gyrations:

Former stripper Craig Seymour lets it all hang out in his new book, "All I Could Bare."

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How did you go from grad student to stripper?

It's complicated. One of the first gay bars I ever went to was a strip club, and it was great; I could express my desire for guys and not get my butt kicked. I ended up studying them as part of my graduate school experience [his doctorate is in American studies] at the University of Maryland—interviewing dancers and patrons—and I had a dancer tell me, "If you're so interested in this, why don't you strip?" So I decided to try it. I had never been interested in it before. But maybe I wanted to do it all along.

When you first took your clothes off, what surprised you the most?

After the first few minutes, I wasn't scared. I was exhilarated. I was a graduate student and until then my life was very safe. But I was becoming something new and exciting. It felt great.

You say striping made your reporting career possible. How so?

It gave me the courage to take risks in other areas of my life—and one of those risks was to go into journalism. I came from a family that stressed making safe choices. Graduate school was a fallback plan, but that's not where my heart was. Stripping was like breaking out of a jail.

How much did you make stripping on a good night?

We got paid \$40 or \$50 for showing up. We'd work three or four hours and I'd walk out with \$100. I was fine with that. We didn't really do lap dances where we'd make a whole ton of money.

Was there something about striping that you found ultimately thrilling?

I'm not a thrill seeker. I don't like roller coasters. I recently got mad at my mom when she made me go on a flume ride. When people ask me what's the message of the book, it's not to go out striping. It's to find the courage to pursue your dreams: to see the crazy and great things that can happen when you try something you're scared to do in this life.

Teaching is like being onstage. Any parallels you see?

As a stripper, you are playing a fantasy role to get money out of customers. But when I teach, I'm much more myself and trying to help students live up to their potential. I don't feel like a performer. I like it to be a conversation among writers.

What's the next big gamble?

It's moving to Chicago. I loved my last job [teaching at Dartmouth]; I loved where I was living. But at NIU, they're very interested in new ideas. Plus I've seen how taking risks can pay off in a big way. So I owe it to myself to take this risk and see what it might bring.

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These stars also shine as clothing designers

Newsday

What is it about celebrities that makes them think they can be fashion designers? You never see Vera Wang, say, looking to open for Coldplay.

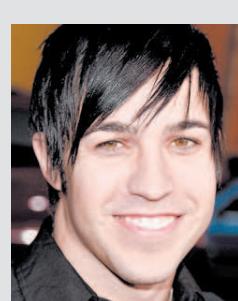
Lines by celebs—Jessica Alba, Jessica Simpson, the Olsen twins, Justin Timberlake, etc.—sometimes turn out OK. Gwen Stefani produces decent pieces; Sarah Jessica Parker actually wears items from her bargain Bitten line.

But then there's Beyoncé (can belt out a

tune—but the clothes ... please) or Heidi Montag of "The Hills," whose Heidiwood line looks like she's outfitting Albanian streetwalkers on a bad night.

Who's next? Janet Jackson is planning a lingerie line and—brace yourself—brother Michael is pairing with Ed Hardy designer Christian Audigier and launching a line to be sold exclusively this fall at L.A.'s Kitson.

In the meantime, here are new collections that show some promise.



Pete Wentz

Line: Clandestine Industries
Store: Nordstrom
Cost: \$28 to \$68



The Fall Out Boy bassist has written a book, opened bars and married Ashlee Simpson, just weeks after releasing his clothing line exclusively at Nordstrom. It features vibrant tees, tanks, thermals and hoodies. It's found in women's departments, but Wentz—rockin' a unisex vibe—wears some of the items himself.



Avril Lavigne

Line: Abbey Dawn
Store: Kohl's
Cost: \$24-\$48

This back-to-school collection debuted exclusively at Kohl's this month. The apparel and jewelry—a blend of rock, girlie classics and reggae, mon—is said to be inspired from items in Lavigne's closet, which means bold colors, mix-and-match prints, skater chic and traditional tartan plaids.



Kimora Lee Simmons

Line: Fabulosity
Store: J.C. Penney
Cost: \$29 to \$108

Leave it to Simmons to come up with a subtle name for her new collection, which hit stores this month. The exclusive line is surprisingly versatile, with separates appropriate for school or office (a plaid crop jacket, twill trousers, poplin blouse), or glitzier club fare for hangin' with the girlz (high-waist jeans, striped sweater dresses and sparkly, scoop-necked tunics).



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Associated Press

Let's twist again like we did last summer! "Mad Men" fans remember how things were really hummin' last summer, the first for that glorious drama series set in the Manhattan advertising world of 1960. There were lots of twists at the Sterling Cooper agency—if you've seen it, you know what we're talking about.

"Mad Men" returns at 9 p.m. Sunday on cable's AMC. Now it's February 1962, and as the season premiere gets going, Chubby Checker proclaims "twistin' time is here."

Here's an interesting twist: "Mad Men" is being welcomed back with a whirlwind of attention that was topped off last week when it earned 16 Emmy nominations, including those for best series and for star Jon Hamm.

It's a saga unfolding nearly a half-century ago, with a genre-busting absence of doctors, lawyers, cops or superheroes. And yet "Mad Men" seems game to become a mainstream hit.

"It's not really 'an advertising show,'" says Hamm, already a Golden Globe winner for his performance as Draper, the agency's creative sage. "It's a show about this guy and the problems he has in his relationships, his job, his life and his past—which are problems everybody has."

As envisioned by series mastermind Matthew Weiner, it's also about secrets, big and little, in the modern world—like the WASP patriarchy Draper occupies with his fellow "Mad Men" denizens (played by a strong cast that includes John Slattery, Elisabeth Moss, Vincent Kartheiser, Christina Hendricks, January Jones

and Robert Morse).

"The role was a perfect fit," says Hamm, who, at 37, lends Draper the authority of someone significantly older than his years. "I don't know why it is: I looked old when I was 16!"

Not surprisingly, when he arrived in L.A. in his early 20s, he couldn't snag the teen roles other actors his age were snapping up.

He was cast in "The Division," a cop show, episodes of "Providence," "The Unit" and "What About Brian," and the film "We Were Soldiers," as well as appearing in two films written by and starring his longtime girlfriend, Jennifer Westfeldt: "Kissing Jessica Stein" and "Ira & Abby."

As Draper, he says, "I guess I caught up to my aspect, a persona I could naturally play. It was easy for me. And since I was

relatively unknown and didn't come with a ready-made identity, it was easy for people to see me as a guy who's mysterious—an unknown quantity."

Hamm thinks it's "incredibly fun to play a guy who has a lot of secrets," while not always knowing what those secrets are.

"Matt talks about keeping things secret, even from the cast until each script is ready," says Hamm, chuckling at Weiner's not-infrequent lapses. "He's the WORST secret-keeper—all he wants to do is tell you about the secrets he wants you not to know about. So I knew quite a few things about where the first season was going. And it does help."

"This season started with the same promises of 'I'm NOT gonna tell you anything,' and then, of course, two weeks in, you hear: 'I have this great idea! Let me tell you about it!'"

Brand making a name for himself

Associated Press

MTV is staking its brand on a lesser-known one: Russell Brand.

The British actor and comedian will host this year's Video Music Awards, set to air live from Paramount Pictures Studios in L.A. on Sept. 7.

Brand recently co-starred in the Judd Apatow-produced comedy "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and the Reese Witherspoon-produced fairy tale "Penelope." He is currently filming the Adam Sandler

comedy "Bedtime Stories," slated for release later this year.

MTV hired Brand to be a VJ on its Britain-based show "Dance Floor Chart" after catching his comedy act in Edinburgh, Scotland. He also hosted a call-in show called "MTV Select."

Brand has hosted numerous TV shows and events in the U.K., performed sell-out comedy gigs and written a best-selling memoir, "My Booky Wook," published last year.



'Mad Men' review online

► For a review of the "Mad Men" season premiere, go to **redeyechicago.com/showpatrol**.



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Plan a lovers' getaway, not a holiday in hell

Who's taking a vacation with a new beau for the first time?

I've only traveled with a handful of boyfriends—one at a time, of course. Going on vacation together can be fun but also very telling. I have a friend who bickers with her boyfriend at home, but has a fantastic time with him on foreign soil.

I've had mostly great experiences traveling with boyfriends. It's all about setting expectations. Keep the following ideas in mind to ensure that your lovers' vacation doesn't turn into a trip from hell:

Who's your planner?

Typically, each couple contains no more than one planner. If you're dating a vacation planner, congratulations. Otherwise, accept your role as the planner without complaint. In a fit of frustration, you might try to force your unwilling man into planning at least one aspect of your vacation. Trust me—you will be sorry. Putting him in charge of airline or hotel reservations is like begging for a bad trip. You will be frustrated when he opts for red-eye flights or only two-star hotels. You will ask why he didn't pay attention to details.

You know why, don't you? That's right! It's not because he doesn't care about you. It's because he's not a planner.

Snow, surf or turf?

Choose a location where you both will have a good time and can enjoy activities together. If your sweetie can't swim, hates hot weather and isn't excited about tanning on the beach, say no to Jamaica. Save Europe for another time if he's not thrilled about visiting museums and relying on translation dictionaries. Or if his definition

of hell is cold weather and snow sports, a ski trip should not be high on the to-do list.

Credit or debit?

Before you select luxury resorts, keep in mind that this vacation isn't free. It's fabulous if your boyfriend has given you carte blanche to plan a lavish trip using his credit card. If not, disaster-proof your vacation by talking about who's paying for what and agree on a budget with a built-in calamity plan. What if you have to change your flight and pay an extra fee? What if your luggage gets lost, and you have to buy new clothes? What if he gets arrested and requires bail money? (Clue: Leave him there.)

Scheduled or spontaneous?

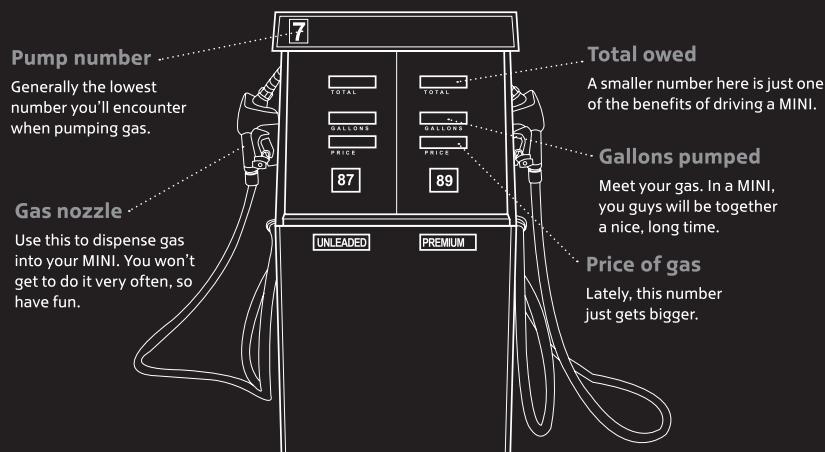
Too much planning can be a bad thing. You have to be dedicated to compromise. Perhaps you get started at the crack of dawn with five hours of tours and activities on the docket, while your partner wakes up at noon and will only commit to a beach chair and a midnight booze cruise. Trying to force your agenda is a recipe for an argument—and a ruined trip. Leave some room for spontaneity and remember that the two of you don't have to be joined at the hip. Unless he's surrounded by hot bikini models, you can leave him on the beach for a few hours while you shop.

Bringing luggage or baggage?

Agree to table any problems until after you return from vacation. If you can't really get along, perhaps you shouldn't travel together. Be determined to have a good time by any means necessary, and you can have a great vacation. [SEX COLUMNIST GINA B. IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]

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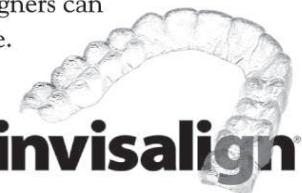


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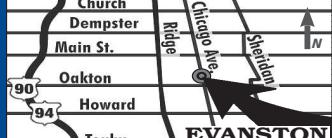
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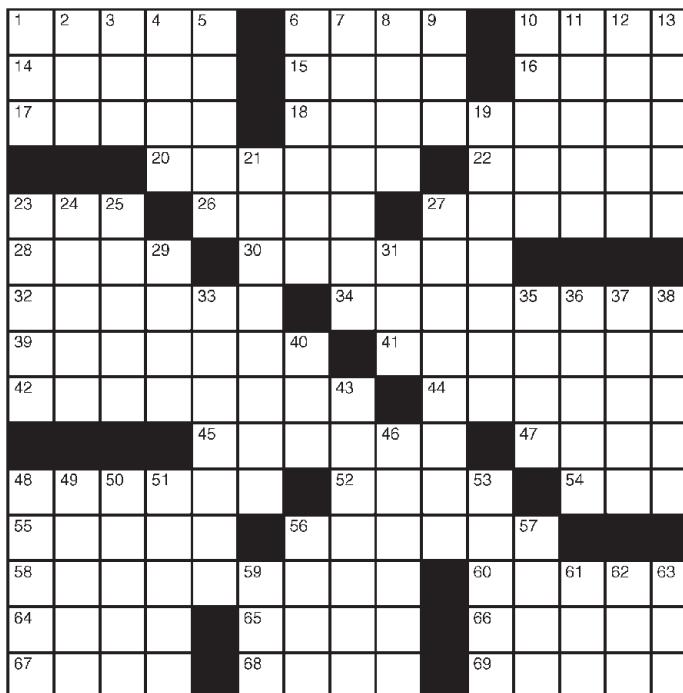
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WHOVILLE

Brooke Hogan
has a real knack for grabbing the spotlight in her famous family



[AP FILE PHOTO]

Brooke Hogan: Singer. Reality TV personality. Gossip queen? The "Brooke Knows Best" star has been making headlines recently for her comments on various scandals associated with her famous fam. (You might remember them from "Hogan Knows Best," another VH1 gem.)

She's talked about her brother (who's in jail), her parents (who are separating) and herself (she's looking to build a music career).

It hasn't always been pretty, but Brooke has managed to keep people buzzing about her career. Here's a look at how she keeps her name in the public eye. [JIM WALSH, REDEYE]

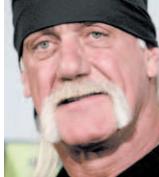
MEET THE FAMILY

Brooke Hogan is striking out on her own with "Brooke Knows Best," but she used to be part of a reality TV crew. Here's what's up with the rest of the Hogans:

Hulk Hogan

Relation: Dad

Latest news: In June, he told People that the family reality show may have "amplified the problems" in his relationship with his wife, Linda.



Linda

Relation: Mom

Latest news: She filed court papers this month alleging that her husband was stalking her.



Nick

Relation: Brother

Latest news: Serving an 8-month sentence for a driving incident that seriously injured his friend.



HOGANMANIA

txt What is Brooke Hogan's original last name? Text "brooke" and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get a message telling you if you got it right.

(1) Storch (2) Bollea
(3) Callahan (4) Seidensnicker

DID I SAY THAT?

SCANDAL-O-METER

- Oh no she didn't!
- Call the tabloids!
- How juicy
- It's been done
- And we care ... why?

I'M SORRY

Diving into her parents' nasty separation, Brooke issued an apology Thursday for making allegations that her father, Hulk Hogan, abused her mother, Linda. "I did it under significant pressure from my mother," Brooke tells **people.com**. "It was only after I learned all the facts that I realized I made a big mistake."

GIRL FIGHT

Brooke and her mother reportedly are not on speaking terms, and Brooke uses the press to take jabs at Mama Hogan. "Brooke ... is distressed at the latest efforts by mother Linda to fracture the family," her rep told People on Thursday.

PHOTO SCANDAL?

The New York Daily News reports that Brooke has been approached to pose in Playboy, though her rep says she hasn't committed to anything. "No decision has been made at this time," the paper quoted her rep as saying. Brooke's dad seemed none too pleased the last time his little girl wanted to do a photo shoot—as depicted on "Hogan Knows Best."

AWKWARD!

There was an Internet gossip fury back in April when photos surfaced of the Hulkster applying lotion to his daughter's derriere. Brooke's response? "I know I'm a grown woman, but it's like he's touching an old car," she told Us Weekly.

LOOKIN' OUT FOR NO. 1

Brooke's not shy about her reality TV aspirations: "The first four times we did the reality show, I didn't have my stuff together with my music career," she told The Associated Press. "So this time, I'm like, all right, I have to start recording an album and using this TV show to my benefit, other than just letting these cameras come into my life to make ratings."

BALE
[AP PHOTO]

Hey, it's personal

Christian Bale has commented on allegations that he assaulted his mother and sister at a London hotel.

"It's a deeply personal matter," Bale told The Associated Press on Thursday in Barcelona. "I would ask you to respect my privacy in the matter."

The comments came after "The Dark Knight" star spent four hours talking to British police earlier this week. He was released on bail, but not charged.

MUSIC NEWS

Rumor mill, Part I

Sheryl Crow says she's not making a record with or joining Fleetwood Mac—not any time soon at least. "No, that was those 'Rumours'—to quote the album," she joked Wednesday to The Associated Press. Crow reportedly told the AOL music Web site **spinner.com** last spring that she and the band planned a collaboration. So much for that.

The wrong stuff?

The New Kids on the Block (right) want you to know the facts: There is no big-buzz collaboration on the group's upcoming album.

"We are NOT recording with Michael Jackson and/or Madonna," Donnie Wahlberg writes on the group's blog. "We never claimed to be, either. Good fun reading about [it] though!"



[AP FILE PHOTO]



ADAMS

AISLE NEWS

How enchanting

Amy Adams is ready to tie the knot. The "Enchanted" actress is engaged to actor Darren Legallo, her boyfriend of six years, USA Today reports. The couple reportedly met in acting class back in the day. "It's really important to have someone to remind you who you are," Adams told the paper in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby

Paul Lieberstein, who plays Toby on "The Office," got hitched Saturday to Janine Serafin Poreba, The New York Times reports. The couple wed in New York during a ceremony at Battery Gardens restaurant. Lieberstein also is an executive producer and a writer on the hit NBC show. No word if any of his "Office" pals were on hand at the ceremony.

BITS AND PIECES

The best of what's left in buzz

1. Simon Cowell voted America's favorite reality TV villain

His act seems a bit too ... well, a bit too cabaret, if you ask us.

2. Kim Kardashian on "Dancing With The Stars"?

If Ali Lohan gets on board, they could call it "Dancing With the Stars' Siblings"

3. Rumor: Brad and Angelina used in vitro fertilization

TMI, Us Weekly. TMI.

4. DMX pleads not guilty to identity theft, raps for reporters

Troy Jones? Seriously? What kind of alleged fake name is that?

5. Comic-Con entertainment conference in San Diego

And then J.J. Abrams looked down upon his creation, and he saw that it was good.

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DANIEL



WESLEY

Showmance

They are *sew* together! That's right, Daniel and Wesley, two designers on Bravo's hit series "Project Runway," have confirmed they are an item.

Wesley, who was eliminated in Wednesday's episode, told [nypost.com](#) that the sparks started to fly while they were filming the series. "We were just trying to hide it because we wanted to keep it very professional. We were both there for our careers ... so we didn't really want that shown on the show."

Though Wesley and his Romeo competed on the runway, he says their chemistry overcame their competitiveness. "It's kind of hard to avoid, you never know when you're going to meet someone that you really connect with," he said. "We tried to keep it suppressed at first."

"I think it's going very well," he said. Make it work boys, make it work.

**"I'm ecstatic, so be
ecstatic with me!
Be happy with me.
Can we celebrate?"**

—MARIAH CAREY,
TO MTV NEWS, RESPONDING TO
RUMORS THAT HER MARRIAGE
TO NICK CANNON IS "ROCKY"



TEAM TIMBALAND

Timbaland says he's back in the studio—and getting a little help from his friends.

The follow-up album to his 2007 hit "Shock Value" will feature several familiar names, [mtv.com](#) reports.

"Right now, I have a song with Madonna that I didn't put on her album.

I saved [it] in case I wanna do one for me," the newlywed Timbaland said.

"Of course I'mma do one with Beyoncé. Of course I'mma do one with Jordin Sparks, Rihanna. It's a lot of people. I'mma do one with Jonas Brothers. I'mma try to have 10 major ones."

Can't wait to hear it, Tim.



TIMBALAND

[GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO]



Roomies

Pamela Anderson and her two kids have moved in with ex-husband Tommy Lee—but Anderson says her stay at Lee's home is just temporary while her Malibu mansion is under construction, and the two aren't an item.

"The dream would be that all of us could really be together, but we're better friends," Anderson told The Associated Press. "We're great friends. We just live together. And we're ex-husband and wife. It's kinda silly. I don't know where that's gonna go."

Beef byproduct?

**THE GAME**

The Game is backing off lyrics that seemed to attack Eminem in a new song.

The rapper on Thursday released an updated version of the track "My Life," set to appear on his new album "L.A.X." when it drops next month, after a leak of the song turned up what [mtv.com](#) called a "curious Eminem reference."

"All the pictures of me and Em, I burned them," Game raps on the leaked version of "My Life," according to MTV. He also makes a reference to Proof, Eminem's close friend and partner in their group D12 who was killed in 2006.

"I remember when Proof died vividly, and now every time I think about going to Detroit, I get depressed," Game said in a statement to MTV. "That is what I was trying to say in that verse. And the more I looked at it, I realized that people would take it the wrong way."

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